Recognized Authority on Connellsville Coke Trade.

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Prices and Prospects.

A NEW ALIGNMENT IN COKE; SPOT AT NO LARGE PREMIUM

Extended Delivery Situation Is Strong and Likely to Remain So.

PRODUCERS NOT QUOTING

On Furnace Coke For Second Half, But Are Not Disposed to Sell at $7 Which Is Probably More Than Consumers Will Bid; Wide Range on Foundry.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, March 28.—With a very limited buying demand for spot coke and an improved car supply the coke market has shown its inherent strength as prices for spot have receded only very slightly. Thus the market is under a new alignment wherein spot delivery is at no large premium over contract and the value of coke on contract correspondingly enhanced. Until very recently the high prices for spot coke have been regarded as premium prices for delivery but the present situation is that coke is high priced because it is coke whether now or six months hence. If the situation were not strong for extended deliveries spot prices would have tumbled in the past week. They have been supported by prospective conditions over the remainder of the year rather than by heavy buying pressure for spot shipment.

As to actual contract prices however the case is practically nothing being developed. It appears that the producers are more shy than are the consumers about making commitments. The producers could probably secure bids from some consumers as to second half contracts but they are in no mood to solicit them. It is believed that a few furnaces bought only for the quarter now expiring and that they may be in the market for second quarter in which case a second quarter market is likely to be developed at around $8.00. As to second half no consumer appears to have bid as high as $7.00 but it is quite improbable that any producer would sell at that figure despite the fact that recently foundry coke sold for second half at as low as $6.50. Some producers are now quoting $9.00 on second half foundry coke but the price does not appear to have been paid as yet.

The commonest sales price for spot furnace coke the past few days has been $8.50 but some sellers are understood to be quoting up to $9.00. Brokers have been able to pick up an odd lot occasionally at $8.25 possibly even at $8.00 but they would not sell such coke at less than $8.50 in any case. There has been a wide range on spot foundry coke in the past week some sales being at much higher prices than others.

Foundry coke dealers are evidently out for the money and are asking whatever price the individual buyer will pay. As high as $12.00 has been paid by consumers in the past week and yet practically all week there has been some coke available at $10.00 to dealers the dealer to get his profit and thus $10.50 to $11.00 seems to be a fair quotable range. The market stands therefore about as follows:

Spot furnace	$8.50 @ $9.00
Contract furnace, nominal	$ [illegible] @ $8.00
Spot foundry	$10.00 @ $11.00
Contract foundry	$9.00 @ $ [illegible]

The coal market has stiffened as to contract but is easier as to spot. The general view is that as to both coal and coke easy conditions will prevail until the opening of the lake navigation when on account of car shortage and perhaps labor shortage also prices will be higher. It is difficult to find a seller of coal for the coming twelvemonth at $3.50. Spot is $3.50 to $3.75 for steam and $4.00 to $4.25 on gas with no nearly as much buying pressure as there was.

The advance in pig iron is unabated Bessemer being up $2 a ton and basic $3 a ton as compared with prices one week ago. Pig iron is expected to grow scarcer and scarcer and some observers who have made a reputation for conservatism now have no hesitancy in predicting $50 pig iron as within a couple of months. Current sales are only fairly large sellers marking up prices again as soon as they have sold a moderate tonnage at an advance precisely as they were doing four to six months ago. The market now stands as follows:

Bessemer	$48.00 @ $50.00
Basic	$45.00 @ $46.00
Composite	$38.00 @ $44.00
Composite malleable	$35.00 @ $43.00
Forward foundry	$ [illegible] @ $38.00
Forward malleable	$ [illegible] @ $ [illegible]

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces, prices delivered Pittsburg being higher by the [illegible] cents freight.

Virginia Coke Prices

At Cincinnati quotations on foundry coke from the Pocahontas and New River fields range from $7 to $11 ovens for contract shipment and $12 to $1[illegible] ovens for spot delivery. Supply is scarce and shipments on contract continue far below demand.

Consolidation Coal Output

During 1916 the Consolidation Coal company, Fairmont, mined 11,337,084 tons of coal or 614,699 tons less than in 1915.

Foundry Completed.

The foundry of the new Gartland [illegible] Foundry company at Sandusky, O. has been completed.

COKE FREIGHT RATES

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Klondike and sometimes the Masontown district) to principal points of shipment are as follows per net ton of 2,000 pounds:

Destination	Rate
Baltimore	$1.80
Buffalo	1.85
Canton	1.40
Chicago	2.50
Cleveland	1.60
Columbus	1.6[illegible]
Detroit	2.10
E. St. Louis	2.80
Erie	1.65
Harrisburg	1.70
Joliet	2.50
Louisville	2.30
Milwaukee	2.[illegible]
New York	2.[illegible]
Philadelphia	2.05
Pittsburg	.75
Port Henry, N. Y.	2.50
Pottstown	1.95
Reading	1.8[illegible]
Richmond, Va.	2.[illegible]
South Bethlehem	2.00
Swedeland, Pa.	2.00
Toledo, O.	1.[illegible]
Wheeling	1.[illegible]
Valley Points	1.[illegible]0

STEEL ORDERS ON A LARGE SCALE

Principally Bars, Plates and Shapes. The $50 Mark in Pig Iron in Sight. Further Advances Predicted.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

Booking [illegible] continue on a large scale in the lines in which the mill will sell at all. In bars, plates and shapes the bookings in the past week have averaged with some mills much larger than in the four weeks preceding. In sheets and tin plates there is practically no business, the mill not having opened books on second half deliveries while they are sold up for the earlier period. A Wheeling pipe interest has made a five point advance and the trade is curious to see whether such an advance can become general.

Pig iron continues to advance sharply, the average advance in all districts in the past fortnight being approximately $4 a ton and at this rate the $50 mark predicted in some quarters would be reached almost exactly on June 1st. At these high ranges the usual differential between grades and districts become unimportant. Predictions of further advances are based upon the view that demand both at home and abroad will increase.

While there was some fresh business in steel for government account placed recently the latest tendency seems to be to exaggerate the tonnage of government steel placed. The chief thing that has been done thus far is to rearrange old orders for earlier delivery than was contemplated. It is understood the copper producers have offered the government 45,510,000 pounds of copper at the average price of the past ten years. This would be 24% of last year's production. As similar offer on the part of steel producers would be 7,0[illegible] tons of steel at about $30 for plates and shapes.

Transportation conditions continue to improve slowly, current supplies of coal and coke being nearly adequate while steel shipments slightly exceed production. The railroad shops are very busy repairing locomotives and available motive power is expected to be much larger within a couple months.

APPROVES CONTRACT.

For Sale of 15,000 Tons of Coke by Receivers of Tower Hill Coke Co.

Judge Van Swearingen on Saturday approved a contract by which G. S. Harah, F. W. Fogg and John R. Thompson receivers of the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke company sells 15,000 tons of coke to the Producers Coke company to be delivered at the rate of 5,000 tons per month.

Of this amount 4,000 tons per month is to be shipped to the Emporium Iron company and 1,000 tons per month to the Eastern Steel company.

Ask Revision of Rates

A complaint has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Ohio Valley Coal Operators Association petitioning for a revision of the coal rates from the west Kentucky coal field to the consuming territories.

Baumgartner Under Knife

J. Hampton Baumgartner, publicity representative of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was admitted to the University hospital, Baltimore, yesterday to undergo an operation.

New Active Stack at Bethlehem

Furnace B, one of the three new 500 ton stacks which the Bethlehem Steel Corporation has had under construction at Steelton has been completed and was blown in last week.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION. DISTRICT	Week Ending March 24, 1917 Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Week Ending March 17, 1917 Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	20,538	18,780	1,758	211,530	20,679	18,780	1,891	201,476
Lower Connellsville	17,645	16,098	1,546	157,134	17,645	16,101	1,544	156,105
Totals	38,183	34,878	3,304	368,664	38,324	34,881	3,445	358,071
FURNACE OVENS								
Connellsville	16,084	15,797	1,187	177,390	16,984	15,797	1,187	180,300
Lower Connellsville	5,826	5,457	369	53,340	5,826	5,457	369	5[illegible],310
Totals	22,810	21,254	1,556	230,730	22,810	21,254	1,556	22[illegible],710
MERCHANT OVENS								
Connellsville	3,554	2,983	571	34,140	3,695	2,983	712	2[illegible],7[illegible]
Lower Connellsville	11,819	10,642	1,177	103,791	11,819	10,644	1,175	102,763
Totals	15,373	13,625	1,748	137,931	15,514	13,627	1,887	13[illegible]

SHIPMENTS.	Week Ending March 24, 1917		Week Ending March 17, 1917	
To Pittsburg	3,918 Cars	1[illegible] Tons	3,562 Cars	123,614 Tons
To Points West of Pittsburg	5,006 Cars	157,20[illegible] Tons	5,081 Cars	170,921 Tons
To Points East of the Region	1,[illegible] Cars	7[illegible] Tons	1,501 Cars	53,14[illegible] Tons
Totals	10,[illegible] Cars	370,313 Tons	10,116 Cars	348,681 Tons
By River		2,400 Tons	By River	600 Tons

A GENERAL RAISE IN FREIGHT RATES IS ASKED BY R. R.'S

Want Increase to Become Effective Within Thirty Days.

COAL AND COKE EXCEPTED

Also Iron Ore Which Are to Be Dealt With in Accordance With the Present Rules Under Proceedings for Advances Pending; Roads Need Cash.

[illegible] railroads [illegible] the Interstate [illegible] asking that they [illegible] the [illegible] except on coal [illegible] the new tariff [illegible] being suspended for investigation [illegible] Baltimore & Ohio [illegible] ton & Maine [illegible] Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley [illegible] land and New York [illegible] Central railroads.

In their petition the [illegible] represent that the [illegible] are threatened with [illegible] increases in operating [illegible] to large increases in wages, cost of fuel coal, in the cost of other materials and supplies and [illegible] and in taxes and [illegible] increased [illegible] of capital.

Nothing is more essential to the welfare of the nation [illegible] than that the railroads should be in position to respond to the fullest demands made upon them by the [illegible] general commerce of the country or in connection with the subject of national defense and it is [illegible] essential to the adequate operation of the industrial and other resources of the country for the present crisis that the transportation machine be as efficient as is humanly possible. That can not be done under the present revenues and rates of the carriers.

It is further represented that the present huge increase in the cost of railway operation has resulted and is resulting in inadequate net earnings and surplus that they are unable to secure sufficient money to provide the facilities to handle the volume of traffic tendered to them and that the threatened further depletion of net earnings must seriously aggravate this condition.

The petition declares that the rates on bituminous coal, coke and ore can be dealt with in accordance with the present rules under proceedings for advances now pending before the commission.

The increase in rates proposed by the eastern, western and southern railroads probably will range between [illegible] and 15 per cent with indication pointing to a flat increase of 1[illegible] per cent being requested in the case of the eastern roads which carry the great volume of the country's traffic.

Passenger fares would not be affected by the increase as at present considered.

An average increase of [illegible] per cent throughout the country would bring the railroads an additional revenue approximating $3[illegible]5,000,000 annually on the basis of business done last year.

On the Pennsylvania railroad alone the payrolls will be increased $18,000,000 per year. Of this amount $1[illegible],000,000 will be borne by the lines east of Pittsburg.

This figure it was declared amounted to an increase of [illegible] five per cent over the wages heretofore in force. Of a total increase of $18,000,000 about $1[illegible] will cover the amount directly involved in the shortening of the day and about $[illegible] 750,000 for estimated overtime [illegible] forty five thousand men are affected [illegible] on the line east.

THE NEW COAL TAX BILL

Being Considered by the Joint Revenue Commission Which Favors Measure Operators Will Fight It.

[illegible]

NO OPERATIONS

Silk Steel Mill, and Silk Mill Plants Not Yet Completed

Work at Sl[illegible] is still in its preparatory stage. A large force of men is engaged in getting up the plant and getting things ready for the making of iron. [illegible] Irvin, Pittsburg man who heads the company which is erecting the mill [illegible] has not been in Connellsville recently but the men in charge here are keeping in close touch with the work.

The electric steel mill is in progress [illegible] just about is fi[illegible]. The erection of the building is not yet completed though quite a number of men are at work on it.

The machinery for the specialty silk mill has not yet been installed and actual operation has thus been delayed.

COAL MEN INDICTED

Violated Sherman Law by Increasing Price Arbitrarily is Charge

NEW YORK, March 2[illegible].—The trial of 1[illegible]8 coal corporations and 66 individuals located in West Virginia and the western part of Virginia indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman law by arbitrarily increasing the price of coal was today set for May 7 after the defendants had [illegible] to change their tentative pleas of not guilty.

Judge Hands also announced that contempt proceedings against John A. Kenahan, vice president of the Smokeless Fuel company would be dropped as the company's papers had been surrendered.

Buys By Product Coke

The Hamilton Furnace Company, Hamilton, O., has purchased its coke requirements of the Hamilton Otto Coke Company at that place for the next two years.

Big Advance in Pipe Prices

The Wheeling Steel & Iron Company has advanced its prices on all sizes and classes of black and galvanized pipe approximately $[illegible] per ton.

CONTINUED GAIN IN COKE OUTPUT IS MADE NORTH END

A Successive Improvement Since February's Low Water Mark

INCREASE 15,000 TONS

Output Within Six Weeks; Upper Connellsville Largest Contributor to the Gain; Greensburg District Under Normal For the Last Two Weeks

[illegible]

The Upper Connellsville [illegible] contributed [illegible] Connellsville [illegible] shipments from the former district were the [illegible] since November 2[illegible] which was one of the big weeks of 191[illegible]. Shipments from the [illegible] district have been somewhat under normal for several weeks past although continuing to show slight gains.

Shipments from the two districts for the week ending March [illegible] were as follows:

[illegible]	East	West	Total
Upper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greensburg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Western shipments made a gain of [illegible] tons omitted [illegible] loss of [illegible] of the preceding week. To Eastern points the gain [illegible] from [illegible] to [illegible] tons. The Upper Connellsville district [illegible] a net gain of [illegible] tons against [illegible] ton gain the preceding week. The Greensburg Connellsville district transformed its loss of 1,6[illegible] tons of the previous week into a gain of [illegible] tons for last week.

The following tabulation shows the output of these districts by weeks in net tons for 1917 to date:

Week Ending	Upper Conn.	Greensburg Conn.	Total Tons
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The output of the two districts was consigned by weeks during 1917 to date as follows:

Week	East	West	Total
Jan 6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan 13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan 20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb 10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb 17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar 10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Buys Smokeless Holdings

L. [illegible] Saxman, of Philadelphia has purchased the property of the [illegible] maugh Smokeless Coal company which consists of 1,34[illegible] acres in Cambria county and a modern mining plant built within the past few years.

Coke at St. Louis

Connellsville and Virginia [illegible] foundry coke is quoted nominally at $[illegible] to $[illegible] at the ovens for immediate shipment and $8.[illegible] to $[illegible] for second half.

Production and Output.

ANOTHER GAIN IN SHIPMENTS OF COKE WAS MADE LAST WEEK

Being Third Progressive Increase in Month of March.

THE RELIEF SPASMODIC

Car Distribution and Supply is Still Irregular as to Number and Kinds; Train Labor Shortage Beginning to Be Felt; Coal Shipments Heavier

Last week the Connellsville region made another gain [illegible] the weekly [illegible] tons making the total tonnage [illegible] of the preceding week [illegible].

[illegible]

The shortage of [illegible] load cars [illegible]

[illegible] the railroad in the coke region [illegible] permanent increase in shipments [illegible] as the condition prevails.

In the car distribution at the works several [illegible] failed [illegible] that their production was materially reduced [illegible] number ran but [illegible] days and a few of the smaller [illegible] made [illegible] day. The [illegible] supply on Monday ran about [illegible]. On Tuesday it was [illegible] yesterday 40 [illegible] average of 45 to [illegible] for the week [illegible] rate. Yesterday [illegible] was a pronounced scarcity of Pennsylvania [illegible].

The estimated production for the week ending Saturday, March [illegible] was [illegible] the [illegible] furnace ovens produced [illegible] and the merchant ovens [illegible] and the Connellsville [illegible] produced [illegible] of [illegible] the Lower Connellsville region [illegible] tons [illegible].

Shipments by rail [illegible] the week ending Saturday, March [illegible] aggregated [illegible] tons [illegible] consigned as follows:

[illegible]

In addition the [illegible] were shipped [illegible] making [illegible] to the Pittsburg district [illegible] and the aggregate of [illegible] shipments [illegible] shipment [illegible] the Pittsburg district gained 13 [illegible] and to points [illegible] tons. Western [illegible] net gain [illegible].

[illegible]

CAN MAKE IRON CHEAPER

In India Than in Pittsburg is Statement of Former Manager of a Plant in the Far East

[illegible] Pittsburg [illegible]

[illegible]

Foundry [illegible] iron for the foundry [illegible] which has a capacity of [illegible] on a [illegible] used in the plant since the outbreak of the war [illegible] has been making [illegible].

ANOTHER DIVIDEND

Is to Be Paid by Tower Hill Supply Company Being Fifth to Date

A [illegible] has been [illegible] by Judge Van Swearingen to the receivers of the Tower Hill Supply company to pay a fifth dividend of ten per cent on all valid debts of the company which were unpaid on January [illegible] when the receivership was appointed.

This [illegible] dividend of ten per cent and means that one half of [illegible] the creditors' debts will now have been paid. Dividends of ten per cent have been paid on January [illegible], [illegible] November [illegible] and March [illegible].

Weekly Coke Production.

The weekly record of production and output of the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions for 1917 to date is shown in net tons in the following tabulation:

[illegible]

Armor Plant to Pittsburg.

The recent order of Secretary of War Baker to raise [illegible] bridges [illegible] Pittsburg [illegible] considered [illegible] the [illegible] armor plant [illegible] possible government [illegible] that plant in the Pittsburg district.

Open Old Mine

A [illegible] mine [illegible] years ago furnished coal for [illegible] wells [illegible] in Armstrong county has been reopened by the Cove [illegible] for [illegible] Kittanning [illegible] the vicinity of [illegible] Armstrong county [illegible] a member.

Will Take Care of Territorial

[illegible] producers of [illegible] products [illegible]

New Stack Ready

The new [illegible] furnace [illegible] Company is completed and ready to be blown.

THE COAL AND COKE PROPERTIES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION

Furnish Interesting Data for Annual Report of Operation.

129,352 ACRES OF COAL

Suitable for Coking Owned and Under Lease in Pa., W. Va. and Va.; Total Production 18,901,962 Tons in 1916. $5,119,356 Spent for Maintenance.

The full text of the annual report of the United States Steel Corporation contains a vast amount of data other than financial, much of which has considerable interest to the Connellsville coke region. This particular line of information relating to the operations of the subsidiaries of the corporation which are devoted to the mining of coal and the manufacture of coke.

The coal and coke properties in the northern group are operated by the H. C. Frick Coke company, Hostetter-Connellsville Coke company and the Sharon Coke company. The properties of these three companies are located in Fayette, Westmoreland, Greene and Washington counties and consist of 61 84 acres of coking coal owned in fee and 641 acres under lease and 2,6 8 acres of surface. There are 51 plants on these properties with a total of 19 ,419 coke ovens and one plant of 0 ovens under lease and acres ... not connected with coke plants.

In McDowell and Wyoming counties, W. Va. and Tazewell county, Va., 6,02 acres of coking coal are under lease from the United States Coal & Coke company and acres of surface are owned in fee. There are seven coking plants in operation with a total of 1 ,ln1 ovens and plants producing raw coal only.

In Washington, Allegheny, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer, Cambria and Somerset counties 13,883 acres of steam coal are owned and 2,343 acres under lease and 80 acres of surface owned. Seven coal mines are in operation on these properties. At or near mill plants in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia sundry small tracts of coal totaling 4,058 acres together with 364 acres of surface are owned upon which there are 5 operating mines. In the Illinois and Indiana coal field 71,606 acres of steam coal and 3,665 acres of surface are owned upon which 6 coal mining operations are conducted. The total northern coal and coke properties include 12 ,352 acres of coking coal owned and under lease, 97,5al acres of steam coal owned and under lease and 7,529 acres of surface. There are 66 beehive coking plants with 22,100 ovens and mines producing raw coal.

The by-product equipment of the corporation consists of five plants now in operation as follows: Farrell, Pa., 212 ovens; Benwood, W. Va., 120 ovens; Joliet, Ills., 280 ovens; Gary, Ind., 5 0 ovens; Duluth, Minn., ovens; or a total of 1,262 ovens. Five additional plants at Clairton and New Castle, Pa., Youngstown, Cleveland and Lorain, O., are in course of construction. When completed they will have an aggregate of 1,488 ovens making the grand total 2,750 ovens. Of those now in operation Farrell, Joliet and Gary are equipped with departments for the recovery of benzol.

The southern group of coal and coke properties comprise the holdings of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad company which owns 180,444 acres of mineral lands and surface 16,639 acres of mineral lands only and 8,934 acres of surface only. On the developed sections of this property there are 9 coal mining plants comprising 22 operating mines producing coal both for sale and for manufacture into coke. In connection with these coal mining operations there are 11 coal washing plants and 7 coking plants having a total of 2,974 beehive ovens. At Fairfield, Ala., there is located a by-product coke plant consisting of 280 ovens and a benzol recovery plant operated in conjunction with the Ensley blast furnaces.

During 1916 there were 26,606,041 tons of coal mined at all plants of the corporation which were used for the manufacture of coke being an increase of 5,805,837 tons or 27.9% compared with 1915. For steam gas and all other purposes 6,162,340 tons were mined, an increase of 334,062 tons or 5.7% over 1915. The beehive ovens produced 12,479,160 tons of coke, an increase of 2,777,468 tons while the by-product ovens made 6,422,802 tons, an increase of 1,623,676 tons. The total coke production was 18,901,962 tons, a gain of 4,401,144 tons or 30.4%. There were 25,143 employes engaged in the production of coal and coke, an increase of 5,658 during the year. The average wage per day of these employes exclusive of the general administrative and selling force was $3.29 against an average of $2.82 in 1915.

The ordinary maintenance and repair expenditures on account of the coal and coke properties of the corporation amounted to $5,113,160.50, which included the maintenance and repair of mine timbering and mine tracks. Extraordinary replacements paid from current earnings cost ... or a total for maintenance and replacement of $5,419,356.06, an increase of $2,183,06.02 over similar expenditures in 1915.

Among the replacements completed during the year were the equipment of Leisenring for operation by electric power, renewals to air shaft at Lamberton and 25 new steel mine cars, forty steel cars at Buffington, renewing tipple at Oliphant, concrete trestle and bin at Continental No. 1, strengthening supports in main haulage landing in Colonial No. 1 mine, re-timbering hoisting and air shafts at Juniata, rearrangement of ventilating facilities at Southwest No. 3, new engine room and engine for empty car haulage at Standard, new tail rope haulage engine and engine room at Hecla No. 1, twenty-five new steel cars at Marguerite, replacements to railroad trestle, coke ovens and tracks at Youghiogheny. Work in progress at the close of the year included the lining of the air shaft at Edenborn and the hoisting shafts at Buffington and Leisenring No. 3 and the installation of electrical equipment at Mammoth Colliery and Continental Nos. 1 and 2.

The total expenditures chargeable to capital account for the acquisition of additional coal and coke properties, additions and extensions to plants, etc., were $2,351,901.12. There were acquired 50 acres of coking coal and 144 acres of surface in the Connellsville region. To meet the requirements of the new by-product coke plant being built at Clairton the work of opening up the Palmer and Carothers mines and consolidating the Gates and Edenborn mines in the Lower Connellsville region was begun. The Ronco mine is being equipped to increase its production and with facilities to load coal for river shipment.

At Collier, Continental Nos. 1 and 2, equipment was installed for the operation of the mines by electric power. An auxiliary shaft for the ... and ventilation was sunk at Colonial No. 1. The hoisting shaft at Leisenring No. 2 was lined with concrete and a new pumping plant was installed at Davidson. Additions were made to the buildings and equipment of the ... shops. Additions are being made at Bridgeport to increase the output of coal and to equip the tipple for loading barges.

For mechanical slate handling equipment and extending haulage systems at various mines there were expended $1,453 and for the purchase of ... haulage locomotives ... steel mine cars and ... coal mining machines $2 ,54 8.

In the Franklin, Illinois field ... acres of coal and ... acres of surface were purchased. In the Location ... field, West Virginia, $... were expended for additional houses and recreation buildings for employes, $... for additional facilities at the main power station and electrical equipment at ... mine, and $65,177.20 for the opening of mines and starting coke ovens.

On account of the construction of the new by-product coke plant the sum of $... was expended during the year.

TO BOOST GARDENS

Consolidation Coal Co. Increases the Prizes for Best Gardens.

The Consolidation Coal company of Fairmont is making preparations to encourage home gardening among its employes this year.

In former years it has been the custom of the company to give prizes for the best flower and vegetable gardens, fifty points being counted for the best gardens of each type. This year prizes will be given but the vegetable gardens will count seventy-five points and the flower gardens only twenty-five. This change has been made because it is felt that with present prices of food stuffs more attention should be given this phase of the work.

Removal of Coal Enjoined.

An injunction has been issued by the court of Washington county restraining the Tilley Coal & Coke company from removing coal from under the tracks and shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad company at West Brownsville Junction.

Kemmerer Is President.

John L. Kemmerer, coal operator of New York, has been elected president of the newly organized West Virginia Coal & Coke company, which combines the Coal & Coke company of West Virginia and Davies Colliery company.

West Virginia Strike Expected.

Officials of the United Mine Workers of America are disposed to believe there will be a strike of miners on Cabin Creek beginning April 1 unless the operators comply with the demands made three weeks ago.

Erecting Steel Frame.

The work of erecting the steel frame for the plant of the United States Electric Steel Mill in the Herd Bottom is now under way following the completion of the concrete foundation by Contractor John Duggan, Sr.

New Store Manager.

George Rowan is a new store manager at the Florence works. Mr. Rowan was at one time employed by the Wright Metzler Company, leaving here to assume the management of a store at Ellsworth, Pa.

To Cut Off Switzerland's Coal.

A recent cable from London says that a German semi-official paper hints that Berlin is preparing to cut off the Swiss coal supply unless Switzerland sends laborers to work in Germany.

No Thompson Decision.

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—The Pennsylvania Supreme Court today announced a recess of two weeks without handing down a decision on the J. V. Thompson receivership case.

Ohio Coal Production.

During 1916 approximately 32,000,000 tons of coal were mined in Ohio, a gain of almost 10,000,000 tons over 1915.

New Shipping Coal.

The West Overton Coal company has completed its tipple at West Overton and is now shipping coal.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Mar. 24, 1917.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P O Address
			MERCHANT OVENS	
182	182	Beatty	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
120	60	Boyer	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
80	80	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt Pleasant
32		Carolyn	Peerless Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
160	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
40		Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
40	40	Ellen No 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Ellen No 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Elizabeth	Unity Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
200	200	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York
125	100	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York
10		Franklin	Summit Conn Coke Co	Connellsville
101	01	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
125	118	Grace	W J Rainey	New York
8	8	Helen	Samuel F Lohr	Youngwood
145	145	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
12		Jimtown	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
38		Johnson	Johnson Fuel Co	Uniontown
20		Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
62	62	Love	C'ville Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40		Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
84		Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co	Dunbar
370	370	Mt Braddock	W J Rainey	New York
310	310	Mt Pleasant	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
32	32	Myers	Brownfield C'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
40	40	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
50	50	Painter	Newcomer Coke Co	Uniontown
180	180	Paul	W J Rainey	New York
95	80	Rainey	W J Rainey	New York
560	518	Revere	W J Rainey	New York
38	36	Shirev	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
40	40	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
80		Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
67	43	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co	Pittsburg
3,34	83			
			FURNACE OVENS	
260	230	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300		Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
397	362	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	166	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
260	256	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
301	301	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
76	60	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
326	326	Continental 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
333	308	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
230	198	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
272	272	Hecla No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	372	Hecla No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	280	Hecla No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
355	335	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
260	233	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
308	308	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
498	451	Leisenring 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	481	Leisenring 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	422	Leisenring 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
304	304	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
247	[illegible]	Lemont No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
360	350	Lemont No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	500	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	399	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
195	151	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
268	260	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	328	Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
450	390	Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
4?4	400	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120		Rist	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
145	148	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
425	[illegible]	Southwest 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	121	Southwest 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
204	1?8	Southwest 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
901	811	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
110	110	Sunset Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
80	80	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
464	434	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
360	360	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	112	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
94	94	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
352	352	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	500	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
245	215	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
16,964				

FIRST AID TRAINING

To Be Given Miners' Wives Through the Bureau of Mines in the Interest of National Defense Scheme.

The Bureau of Mines is preparing to do its bit for national defense by opening to the wives and daughters of miners an opportunity to train themselves under expert instruction for first aid work.

The bureau maintains eight first aid cars for emergency use in mine accidents and has offered a course of first aid training to miners for some time. Under the decision to extend privileges also to the wives and daughters officials say hundreds of thousands of women can secure free instruction at their doors. They believe such training will be a valuable national asset not only in such an emergency as that now facing the country but in ordinary times as well because it would greatly augment the facilities for caring for those injured in mine disasters.

In order to set an example all of the women connected with the bureau at Washington enlisted, taking their first lesson in the training course some days ago.

The bureau's eight cars are scattered through the mining districts and all of their time not occupied with chief work is devoted now to training miners in first aid methods. About 60,000 men have been trained since the service was created. Under an arrangement with the American Red Cross those who complete the course hereafter will be given certificates both by the bureau and by the Red Cross.

Goes to McKeesport.

Charles Ways, chemist at the Semet Solvay coke plant at Dunbar for some time past, has resigned to accept a similar position with a McKeesport firm.

Alabama Coal Output.

The coal production of Alabama for 1917 will greatly exceed that of 1916.

WOULD REDUCE RATES

Defective Containers and Shipping Bills Cause Loss to P. R. R.

The Pennsylvania railroad, hoping to reduce its annual loss of $1,000,000 representing waste, has issued a circular asking freight shippers to help in its campaign. Not only is this a burden on the company but it does not serve patrons from annoyance and possible loss of business when freight goes astray or is damaged.

The railroad asks shippers to use good containers, to mark articles plainly and remove all old marks, to write bills of lading and shipping orders legibly and to deliver freight early and avoid delay and damage.

The merchants association of New York has co-operated with the company to the extent of urging the importance of issuing clear and legible bills of lading or shipping orders and of using good containers, removing all old marks from second hand containers and marking containers plainly. In the official bulletin of the association, Greater New York, the journal emphasizes the fact that great delay is experienced if the bills are illegible or the packages are not plainly marked so as to correspond to the shipping documents.

Operate in German Township.

The Coffman Coal & Coke company, recently organized by Uniontown and McClelland town parties, will develop a tract of coal on the New Salem-McClellandtown road in German township making shipments over the Monongahela railroad.

The Junior Coal & Coke Co.

George M. Hosack, Jr., W. I. Dridge Brown and J. Raymond Sowash of Pittsburg are the incorporators of the Junior Coal & Coke company with a capital of $10,000.

New Somerset Corporation.

Application for a charter for the Allen Coal Mining company has been made by L. D. Allen, C. F. Enoch and D. L. Ferrell of Somerset.

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Tons Per Year Which May Be Increased to 44,000,000 or More When New Furnaces Blow in and Probably to 45,000,000 Tons by End Year.

The railroad congestion in the past few months has prevented the iron and steel industry from working at its capacity and every time the steel industry gets to working below its capacity it is likely to find that upon a resumption of full operation the capacity is greater Rated capacities mean scarcely anything in iron and steel because experience with equipment results in its producing more says the American Metal Market Then there is a great deal in the feeling of the department heads and the men themselves Once a new tonnage record is made there is a disposition to try to beat it a disposition those higher in authority are adept in encouraging by various means all the way down to the distribution of cigars

As to pig iron last year's actual output was 39 400 000 tons but there were several furnaces completed during the year and late in the year the furnaces suffered slightly from coke shortage The indication therefore would be that capacity for making more than 40 000 000 tons now exists In some quarters it is suggested however that the furnaces have been through such a hard campaign that more than the usual number will soon have to be out for repairs This is a familiar view and one that has not always worked out It will be recalled that October 1916 which marked the end of a long period of exceptional activity showed the record pig iron rate for the whole period There were furnaces out then of course but there were few furnaces just lately started As there are several new blast furnaces scheduled to be completed shortly it is quite possible the country's capacity by the middle of the year will be between 41 000 000 and 42 000 000 tons of pig iron

As the statistics of steel production in 1916 are not yet available it is impossible to make a close estimate of the present capacity some time ago it was estimated at 1 000 000 to 1 000 000 tons of ingots with about 1 000 000 tons of castings in addition but those estimates were based partly upon statistics of production in the preceding year New steel capacity was coming in throughout 1916 and there is more to come in during the next few months A capacity of 1 000 000 tons is practically certain to be reached well before the end of this year As transportation conditions improve and the weather moderates all the works will operate to better advantage and new record rates of production will be attained following the decrease which began in November

The course of the steel billet market may give a line on how steel making and steel finishing capacities increase with relation to each other It billets stiffen the fact it indicates greater facility on the part of finishing mills to increase their tonnage than has been expected If such increases cannot be effected billets may easily soften for as regards new construction there is more in steel making than steel finishing

ELECT OFFICERS

Casselman River Smokeless Coal Co. Fully Organized

The Casselman River Smokeless Coal company has elected the following officers President W G Barnhersel vice president R M Rupp Hagerstown second vice president Irwin Hull Hanover treasurer Daniel E Down Hagerstown assistant treasurer Frank E Bisher Cavetown secretary and general manager J H Crowe Uniontown

The company is capitalized at $150 000 and owns 1 000 acres of coal land outright and controls 2 000 additional acres along the Baltimore & Ohio and Western Maryland on Casselman river The plant will have a capacity of a daily output of 1 000 tons

STRIKE THREATENED

Miners in Central Bituminous District Inclined to Break the Scale

There is considerable agitation among the miners of Central Pennsylvania with a view to demanding an increase of wages notwithstanding the existing scale has a year to run The operators announce that no changes will be made until the time comes to make a new scale

Second Hand Boiler Banned

A ruling has been made by the State Industrial Board that no boilers shall be admitted into Pennsylvania after January 1 1918 which do not conform to the Pennsylvania boiler code This time limit was allowed to admit boilers contracted for prior to June 1 1916 and will not permit the shipment of second hand boilers into this state

Welfare at Curtis Bay

A welfare department for employes is provided at the new Curtis Bay coal piers at Curtis Bay Baltimore Shower baths eating and rest rooms are among the features provided

To Build Steel Barges

Norway is seeking to place orders here for a number of two on steel barges to carry coal and ore

GREAT NEED OF COAL TRADE

Is Not More Mines or More Consumers But More Transportation. Railroads Need Money to Supply It.

The report of the United States Geological Survey of the coal and coke movement for February 1917 is not reassuring A public is clamoring for coal and is informed that the industry produced not more but less than in 1916 and less than in the preceding month The decrease in shipments of bituminous coal in February 1917 compared with January 1917 was 15 5 per cent compared with February 1916 it was 9 4 per cent

The mine operators are doing their best the mine workers never had less strikes and the whole trouble is with the railroads It is not easy to analyze just what part of the railroad system is most to blame—shortage of cars of motive power sidetracks yards or what Something is wrong and the railroads are depriving themselves of a harvest which is rightly theirs says the Coal Age

The roads appear to have handled their business so poorly that they cannot do so much as they could when a lighter demand was made upon them Only in Kentucky and Alabama do transportation conditions appear to be as good as a year ago the worst falling off appearing in Pennsylvania with the group West Virginia Virginia Maryland and Ohio a close second

But now the railroads are making money and it would be only right to require of each and all of their individuals that they provide for the press of business by increased trackage and equipment wherever need appears There has been a disposition to belabor the railroads out it should be resisted No one can imagine what a burst of indignation would have been levied against the railroad business had it raised its tariffs as much as bituminous producers have increased the price of bituminous coal which by the way the railroads have to buy

It is to be hoped that all those machines selling coal or other products who have benefited by the present high prices may join in the movement to secure railroad rates adequate to make railroad operation profitable not only at times of high pressure like present but when times are normal or not good

Starve a man and you get only a starveling Restrain a man and you get a weakling Bulldoze a man and you get a coward Starve restrain and bulldoze the railroad of the nation and you get a transportation service which falls down in every emergency We have starved most of the railroad corporations to death

Transportation is what we want not more coal mines and no more manufactories but more transportation But we cannot get it because we withhold profit from those who would provide it Every one sends his savings in to the coal mine and more factories thus still further overloading transportation and not helping it to bear its burden

REAL WORK OF BUILDING

The Greene County Railroad Will Be Built as Soon as Preliminaries are Completed, It is Understood

Every feature of the work of preparing for the construction of the new railroad from Mt Morris to Waynesburg by the Pennsylvania company is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible says the Waynesburg Republican

The law office of Kyle & Reinhart has in its charge a large amount of work relating to abstracts of title preparing bonds for condemnation of property etc which it is expected will be completed at an early date

The securing of rights of way has been delayed because of the failure of property owners and the company to reach a satisfactory agreement as to the value of property through which the surveys passed Property has been promptly accepted by the company when they felt that the price asked was not too high and when accepted and the abstract of title completed full cash payment has been made

The properties of Mrs Frank Clark in South Waynesburg has been accepted by the company and the strong property in the same locality will also be accepted The company it is understood is ready to accept any property through which the road is to pass if offered at what they consider a reasonable value

Construction of the road just as soon as preliminary matters are in shape it is said

It is reported that bids will shortly be asked for the construction of the section of the road between Wheeling and Majorsville The William Spillman farm near Crawsville Washington county has been purchased both coal and surface and it is reported that a shaft will be sunk and preparations made to develop the coal under the farm by the time the railroad is ready to operate

It is estimated that $2 000 has been paid out for rights of way and farms in the vicinity of Majorsville

Orders Discrimination Removed

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered the removal of the discriminatory rate on coal from the Reynoldsville district to Buffalo because it exceeds 80 per cent of the rate maintained on coke in the same district

Frick Company Sells Land

A deed for 63 hundred acres of land from the H C Frick Coke company to John C Myers for $3 837 66 was recorded at Uniontown Thursday The land is located in Upper Tyrone and Bullskin townships

Advertise in The Weekly Courier

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			MERCHANT OVENS	
40		Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	400	Alicia	W Harry Brown	Alicia Fay Co
208	293	Allison No 1	W J Rainey	New York
200	200	Allison No 2	W J Rainey	New York
142	142	American No 1	American Coke & C Co	Pittsburg
240	240	American No 2	American Coke & C Co	Pittsburg
40		Anica	The Witney & Feather Coke Co	Uniontown
42		Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
257		Besco	Champion Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
64	64	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
205	205	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
236	236	Dunbo	Kettanne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
402	402	Donald I & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
160	160	Donald 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
140	140	Edna	Waterburg Coke Co	Uniontown
82		Emory	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Finley	Jas Bryne & Co	Uniontown
80	80	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
119	80	Garwood	Adams-Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
58	58	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Griffin No 1	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Griffin No 2	Hillman Nerr Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
45	45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
52	40	Hill Top	B Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
194	116	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
88	88	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
195	195	Hustead	Hustead Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	260	Isabella	Isabella Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
140	140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
30	30	Leon	Hanklin Coke Co	M Pleasant
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Little Gem	The Baxter Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
34	34	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	60	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
132	70	Monullen	Monullen Coke Co	Uniontown
300	300	Mt Hope	Mt Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
60	58	Murphy	Monarch Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
100	100	Old Home	W J Marshall	Uniontown
480	440	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
202	202	Puritan	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
30	30	Perry	Perry Coke Co	Pittsburg
72	72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	10	Poland	Poland Coal Co	Pittsburg
140	10	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Outcrop
88		Rice	Rice Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
365	335	Royal	W J Rainey	New York
30		Sackett	H K Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
378	378	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
240	240	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
40	40	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
310	250	Sterling	Consolidated Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Sunshine No 2	Lodone Gibbons Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
400	400	Thompson No 1	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Thompson No 2	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
394	254	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
54		Virgile	Byrne Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
500	500	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	400	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
76	76	Wheeland	Banning-Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Winmore	Wheeland Gilmore Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
86	36	Yukon	Wheel Coke Co	Uniontown
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			FURNACE OVENS	
120		Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
100	100	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
170	430	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
428	428	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	481	Colonial No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
158	158	Colonial No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Colonial No 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	481	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co	Fairbank
400	400	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
202	202	Geneva	McKeesrey Coal Co	Leetonia, O
200	200	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
462	460	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
518	511	Lecrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
244	150	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Youngstown O
30	30	Newcomer	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
350	350	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
55	5			

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A BROWNSVILLE CHEMIST PRODUCES ARTIFICIAL COAL

Theories of Coal Formation Are Upset by the New Discovery.

NOT VEGETABLE ORIGIN

But Result of Chemical Action Which Took Place Before Vegetation Covered the Earth is Apparently Established by Laboratory Experiment

Charles A Carmack a Brownsville chemist has discovered a process of making bituminous coal which has overturned all of the accepted theories regarding the origin of coal deposits says the Brownsville Telegraph

Scientists for generations have taught that coal deposits resulted from decayed vegetation and have pointed to the fossils of ferns and the bones of animals found within the coal measures to support their theories

Chemist Carmack holds that the coal deposits antedate vegetation on the earth and points to his experiments as proof of his theory He asserts that the intense heat necessary to produce synthetic coal (about 1000 degrees Fahrenheit) must have preceded the forming of the coal there being no evidence of a return of such heat to the earth after its crust had cooled sufficiently for vegetation

Prof T D Watkins and Prof W H Wake of the South Brownsville schools have witnessed a complete demonstration of the Carmack experiments processes and Dr Hertzog of California State Normal school during his visit here made a demonstration of the instruction

The coal which Chemist Carmack has made is said to be precisely like what is known as Pittsburg seam of coal Mr Carmack defines as imperfect carbon resulting from the action of heat and water A complete analysis of his synthetic coal Carmack has also produced he claims oil like that which results from natural coal The imperfect carbon acted upon by water in manner he has not yet disclosed holds up the surface above coal mine

Carmack holds [illegible] period [illegible] years [illegible] heat [illegible] natural [illegible] gas [illegible] earth [illegible] have [illegible] water [illegible] after [illegible] through which [illegible] vegetation [illegible] the coal post [illegible] steam of [illegible] of vegetable origin [illegible] chemical

Carmack asserts [illegible] that his discovery [illegible] commercial [illegible] at this time It is entirely of scientific interest though in the years to come if the [illegible] deposits should be [illegible] the element [illegible] available for the manufacture of coal

MAKE REPAIRS

Temporary Tipple Fixed Up at the Rist Tipple Near Broad Ford

In order to work out the coal that remains in the mines the Rist works of the H C Frick Coke Company near Broad Ford temporary repairs have been made to the tipple and other parts of the works that were burned in a fire in that place some weeks ago

As there is only about two more months supply of coke in the mines there it was thought by the owners might abandon the plant instead of going to the expense of rebuilding it Only temporary repairs have been made however The cost about 50 men employed there

Goes Up With B & O

C E Cook formerly division engineer of the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Pittsburg has been appointed district engineer of maintenance of way of the West Virginia district at Wheeling W Va

New West Va Operation

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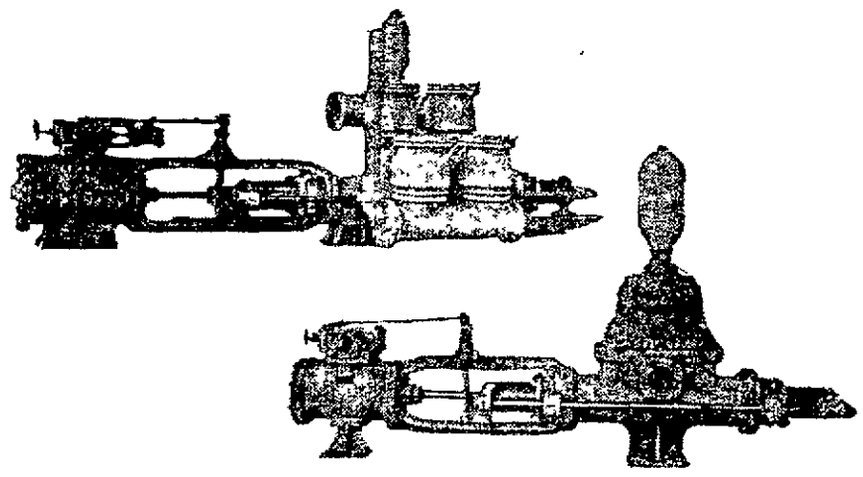

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WHERE INDUSTRY STANDS.

In a certain sense there has been a friendly and generous rivalry between interests organizations and individuals in announcing their patriotic purpose and intention to render every possible form of assistance to our government in whatever emergency may arise. A characteristic expression of this willingness to serve is given in a statement recently issued by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company as representing the attitude of large manufacturers. In this statement James A. Campbell president who is also a member of the J. V. Thomson Creditors Committee says:

It is worthy of note that at the front rank of those who have tendered unreserved support to the nation in a time of possible need are to be found the great industrial organizations of the country. Many months ago this company furnished to the war department a detailed statement of its equipment and resources pledging these without reservation to the national defense. Many others followed the same course.

These pledges still stand awaiting only the call of the country for their redemption. The industrial organizations of America hold their patriotic obligations above all others to be fulfilled at any cost. This policy reflects the spirit and in the highest sense protects the interests of both stockholders and customers whose most solemn obligations and most fundamental rights are derived by the perpetuation of our national safety and our national ideal.

In the voluntary enlistment of our great industries for national defense even before the people had been heard from may be found a lesson for those who have been unwilling to concede to corporations the civic virtues they claim for themselves. These large aggregations of capital necessary to efficiently carry on the business of the country have emonstrated that they are owned and directed by men who represent the higher type of citizenship, are animated by deepest concern for the national welfare and are willing to make for that end sacrifices that represent the supreme limit of patriotic devotion.

It is not unreasonable to hope that out of the universal manifestation of these virtues brought about by the present situation may come a better understanding, among all our people rich and poor, employer and employed. This would prove some compensation hard indeed to order, yet desired by all Americans, eventually become impossible.

In the happier event of maintaining peace there will be no less compensation come to a nation through a fellowship such as that common among people who have shared danger and hardship.

WHERE CAPITAL STANDS

There are no organizations of citizens more patriotic than those who have signified their willingness to render assistance to the nation in any crisis that may arise out of the present situation. Organized labor through its representatives in districts throughout many of its most influential captains and individuals by the hundred has sent word to the government of its willingness to render service of any character in the conservation of its resources and resources. Just as fully and unreservedly does capital take its stand.

The American Bankers Association is an organization having in its membership banks with combined resources of more than $[illegible]. In contemplating the attitude of this association towards the combination of the country's financial strength the President's address at the association's meeting a few days ago [illegible]

The organization can and will mobilize all the credits of the country. All that is necessary is the call and all the country's credits are subject to the needs of the country.

I know the American bankers and the American people will finance any equipment on short notice and move men to defend them. I know that these United States can outlast any nation in the world for I know that the resources of the nation are higher now than organized as they were before.

When I speak of the wealth of the nation I do not mean the twenty billions represented by the American Bankers Association. That is but the mobile capacity and is but a small percentage of the country's resources.

The real wealth of the American people is the thing that will save the United States when the great test comes in the ability of the American people to work.

The bankers of the country stand solidly behind the government to do their part. Captains of industry and the leaders of the people of all classes [illegible]

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PLAYGROUNDS BEST CURFEW.

The Courier still holds to the conviction that the best curfew for Connellsville will be a well equipped and conducted playground system.

No one doubts for a moment but that the persons interested in securing the enactment of a curfew ordinance have unbounded faith in the effectiveness of such a measure in remedying the evils it is designed to correct. In theory and operating under ideal conditions there would be little difference of opinion upon this point but by the test of practical experience it will certainly be found to fall far short of expectations.

In the first place regulations of this character are no adapted to present day conditions to the extent that they would have been several years ago. While it is unfortunately true that there is less respect for parental authority of a certain kind on the part of children now than during the days of our grandparents few persons of mature years will contend that a reversion to the stern uncompromising and often brutal family discipline of fifty or more years ago would be desirable or that it would have the same influences upon child life of today that it had when our parents were children. While it is all too true that too great freedom of action is permitted many children and often they are allowed to go unrestrained by any form of discipline, it should not be overlooked that many children are directed in their conduct and behavior by means and agencies having not even the slight resemblance to the curfews in use half a century ago.

It is recognized by enlightened parents and educators alike that children are more amenable to right influences and control when they are provided with means to amuse, instruct, interest or entertain them. In the modern system of child control the imperative. Don't do that is being largely replaced by the suggestive. What would you like to do. It is recognition of the fact that the child nature craves activity and will engage in it in some form or other. That has lead to the development of the modern playground idea. Here under trained direction and control the children are permitted full play of their energies and activities through sports and pastimes suited to their years and strength. While thus engaged they are unconscious subject to a form of discipline which will prove much more beneficial to them than regulations which prohibit the outburst of children's spirits and forbidding anything to take its place.

Convinced as we are that people who hold a curfew ordinance would be more honored in the breach than in the observance and that its general and impartial enforcement would be productive of more ill. The Courier firmly believes that a playground system will serve immensely better than a curfew ordinance to provide the children of the city with a place to go and something to do when they are not in school and at home.

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RIGHT OF PUBLIC SUPPLIES

The decision of the supreme court on the Adamson law seems to have given the trainmens brotherhood something they wanted and also something they were not expecting to get. The decision supported their contention for the enactment of an 8 hour basic day in the railroad service but the opinion of the court has placed an interpretation upon the law which is more important since it has the decisive influence of the decision of the [illegible]

The decision says in effect that the public has the right of protection against the exercise of the power of a strike. The right said Chief Justice White is [illegible] when a men engaged in public service. They are [illegible] in the ranks who in peace [illegible] the [illegible] said. Congress has the right to regulate to the full extent necessary to insure and protect [illegible] in the emergency of a strike. In the transportation Congress had the right to authority to provide a wage [illegible] and other terms to protect the public interest. The action of Congress was in effect compulsory arbitration which Congress possesses and which it may be induced to exercise in its authority to protect the interests of commerce in dealing with a situation like that before it.

Following so soon upon the agreement made in New York conceding the 8 hour basic day the decision in a certain sense supplants the agreement. It does even more. Through the broad interpretation given by the Supreme Court in conferring the right on Congress the same service to strike it removes for all time the probability that our transportation systems will in the future be tied up because of a disagreement between employers and employes as to wages or hours of work.

The decision is therefore a recognition of the supreme right of the public rights to protection in an emergency like that threatened at the time the Adamson law was enacted and [illegible] last week.

THE CALL TO YOUNG MEN

In the executive order to recruit the navy and marine corps to maximum war strength there is a call to young men who would serve in the first line of their country's defense.

If war with Germany ensues these men of the service will have an important duty to perform. Even if we are only called to do no more than to make effective preparation against the possibility of war the navy and the marine corps will still offer inviting fields for the activities of red blooded Americans.

In either event young men are needed and those who feel the thrill of national pride and are inspired to patriotic duty will find in either of these services an opportunity to show that they appreciate and will respond to their country's call.

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GARDENERS AS PATRIOTS

If war comes everybody cannot serve at the front but we can do one thing no less patriotic and needful. No matter how large an army may be necessary to place in the field a still larger army must remain at home whose soldiers will have a duty to perform no less important than that have those who will brave the dangers of the battlefield.

This home army will be the army of gardeners. Many of its recruits will be new to the service but if they catch the spirit of the time they will cheerfully and willingly bear their part.

It is the patriotic duty of every city boy, girl and woman, says Carl Vroomian assistant secretary of agriculture, to transform his or her yard or some nearby vacant lot into a garden each square foot of which will grow two or possibly three crops during the coming summer. The average small farmer and his family owe it to their country as well as to themselves to raise at least 100 chickens to keep one cow or more and at least enough hogs for home consumption. Large farmers should so diversify their crops that each section of the country will produce what and all that it may need without depending upon other sections.

In case of war this close attention to the business of gardening and farming will be necessary in order to provision the troops in the field and to supply the increasing needs of the civilians. In the happier contingency of a peaceful war which is the ardent wish of us all the efforts of the army of gardeners and farmers should not relate. Increased production will form the most important factor in a reduction of the high cost of living and every inch of the soil no matter how small may be the scene of this operation will contribute proportionately to a solution of this burdensome problem.

WHAT WE WOULD FIGHT FOR

The proclamation of President Wilson advising the date of the meeting of Congress in extraordinary session bring up again to the people of the nation the question of what we are going to war with or for.

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CONDITIONS OF MEDIATION

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PETITION THIRD CLASS CITY CODE

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AN INCOME TAX SUM

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COALITION

The suggestion of a coalition in Congress which means its organization by the Democrats in the House where they have no majority but is now being tested upon very tightly in the Senate where they have a majority and still less is being considered in the Cabinet which is unanimously Democratic.

Coalition like the Trust is good when it helps the Democrats but harmful when it aids or comforts the Republicans.

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WOMEN TAKING THE LEAD.

The women of the country are setting the men an example in their preparedness activities. A young woman has enlisted in the regular naval service and has chief yeoman on shore duty will release an able bodied man for sea duty at sea. At Vassar and Wellesley colleges almost the whole student bodies have volunteered for war service as nurses, wireless operators and clerks. Throughout the country the women are taking part in Red Cross preparations and training with an earnestness and application that has always been characteristic of the gentler sex when they put hands and hands to accomplishing a self imposed task.

The men need to take notice of what their sisters are doing or they will be greatly outdistanced in preparedness.

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WHERE REPUBLICANS STAND

There has been a disposition in intensely partisan Democratic quarters to charge Republican leaders with a lack of patriotism because some of them have been frank and candid enough to question the wisdom of some of the administration acts and policies.

Some Democrats have been so blind in their adulation of President Wilson and all that he has said or done that they are inclined to ascribe to him all the attributes of Lincoln and expect no less fervent hero worship from the Republicans. The Democrats disregard the fact that the vacillation, hesitation and inefficiency of the administration during the past three years is so unlike the course Lincoln would have pursued that to liken Wilson to Lincoln is about as sensible as to contend that Wilson possesses the genius of Lincoln because Wilson was also elected to a second term.

There has never been a time in the history of our country when the Republican party has failed in its efforts to uphold the honor of the nation and the needs of the present or of the future will be no exception. Rationally minded Republicans of the present there have been Republican presidents in the White House and they led the nation unfaltering. The Republicans are now no less ready than formerly to support the chief executive of the present incumbent like those who have preceded him upholds the nation's honor and its best traditions. Of this attitude of Republicans the administration has been assured by Senator Lodge, man whom there is no more truly representative member of his party.

In conference with Secretary Lansing a few days ago relative to a plan for the complete elimination of party politics in the consideration of the foreign situation in Congress Senator Lodge explained that the President will have the united and wholehearted support of the Republicans provided he takes the lead in shaping the nations war policy as Lincoln would have done if he were at the helm. The United States must, if the course has been in accordance with the best traditions of American history, and must not shirk any of its responsibilities and conduct a war in name only.

All the Republican leaders said Senator Lodge is a firm advocate that the fundamental principles will be followed by President Wilson. If they are he will be no party opposition to whatever Congress may do. Whatever appropriations the needs of the country may require will be made. Whatever laws Congress may deem necessary will be forthcoming. Party [illegible]

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Looking Backward

News of the Last Condensed from the Files of The Courier

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1887.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1917.

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VICKERMAN LOCAL OPTION BILL IS KILLED IN HOUSE

Legislators Say It Would Not Accomplish Purpose It Was Intended For.

MILITARY BILLS COME UP

Appropriations for National Guard Maintenance and Setting Aside $165,000 to Equip Mount Gretna as a Mobilization Camp Introduced.

Special to The Courier.

HARRISBURG, Mar. 27.—The Vickerman local option bill was called up in the House at 11:30 this morning. Sangler of York at once presented a resolution substituting the words city, borough, town or township in the bill for county as the voting unit. The amendment was defeated. The vote was 127 noes, 72 ayes.

Ramsey of Delaware, when the bill came to second reading, asked that the House vote against it, saying the killing should occur at once instead of postponing it until third reading. He said the bill would not accomplish the purpose for which it was intended.

The Tompkins bill abolishing capital punishment was passed finally today by the Senate without debate by a vote of 32 to 1.

The Senate last night passed finally the bill to increase the state constabulary by 100 men, the vote being 33 to 11. A futile attempt was made by Senator C. A. Snyder to reduce the amount of the increase in salaries proposed for the chief officer. The measure is expected to pass the House.

The bill would add 70 privates and 12 corporals to the present state police force and provide a minimum salary of $1,020 a year with opportunity for biennial increase. There are now 180 privates and 2 corporals.

One bill passed finally in the Senate last night would provide transportation to and from Vicksburg, Miss., to surviving Civil War veterans who participated in the siege of 1863 to celebrate the peace jubilee in October 1917.

The Tompkins bill to abolish the death penalty for murder and fix the punishment at imprisonment for life passed third reading after being amended by striking out the solitary confinement feature.

The Senate cleared its calendar of second and first reading bills and adjourned to meet this morning at 11 o'clock.

House bills passed finally are:

To authorize county commissioners to establish light on county bridge.

To provide that poor rooms close at midnight.

To authorize third class cities to appropriate money for music in public parks and other places.

To confer constabulary powers on persons named by councils ones as road inspectors.

To provide relief for indigent war veterans.

To make the National Guard of Pennsylvania conform to the nation's defense plan.

The House adjourned at 11:40 o'clock until Tuesday at 11 A. M.

No bill of military significance were introduced in the House. One carries an appropriation of ... for the support of the National Guard for two years ... part of the pay bills and cost of forces furnished by the national government and an appropriation of $150,000 to be added to the unexpended part of the appropriation made last session for emergency use. The latter sum is to be obtained. The other reappropriates for the purpose of improving as permanent camp site at Mount Gretna the $150,000 appropriated for the National Guard encampment and ... call of the guard to Mexican border service.

C. E. MEETING

Mission Work in China to be Discussed at Dunbar.

Christian Endeavor work in India will be discussed at a meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunbar to be held Sunday evening in the church. The society is planning this year to not only keep in touch with mission work in different countries but to learn what the Christian Endeavor societies in particular are doing in other parts of the world. The program is as follows:

India's Efficiency, David Williams; Christian Endeavor Work in Rural India, Mrs. H. H. Clarke; The Strongest Endeavor Society in India, Rev. J. W. Wilson; Personal Testimonies of Native Endeavorers, Miss Margaret Watt, Mrs. George Wagner, Dr. W. A. Ware, David Greer; Field Notes From Christian Endeavor Societies in India, Maude ... Elizabeth Warne, Wilbur Warne, Stewart Speer; Missionary Trials, ... St. Clair; recitation, Gertrude Gilmore; instrumental solo, Bertha ...; selections on the humanola.

BEEF CATTLE HIGH.

L. J. Rohm Receives $2,29.95 For a Carload.

M. J. Rohm, local butcher, has shipped to Pittsburg a carload of cattle which he purchased in Somerset last week, receiving for it $2,129.95 in the Pittsburg market.

This is the largest price paid for a carload of cattle in some time, Mr. Rohm says.

Granted Marriage License.

Clyde Cunningham of Ohiopyle and Ina Conrad of Farmington were granted a marriage license in Uniontown Saturday.

NO NEW TRIAL IN DAMAGE SUIT

Court Orders Verdict of $6,194 Against Railroad Company in Leonard Case to Stand.

UNIONTOWN, March 27.—An opinion and order was handed down in Common Pleas Court today by Judge E. H. Reppert in which a motion for a new trial in the suit of Mrs. Victoria Leonard against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company was overruled. Mrs. Leonard sued the railroad company for $25,000 damages for the death of her husband, Joseph Leonard Sr., who was killed in the Connellsville yards after he had been ejected from a passenger train while on his way to his home at Mill Run. It was testified at the trial that Leonard was ejected from the passenger train and was struck by a westbound train as he was crossing the tracks. The jury awarded Mrs. Leonard $6,194. Judge Reppert in overruling the motion for a new trial directed that judgment be entered in favor of the plaintiff upon payment of the jury fee.

Three orders were handed down by Judge Reppert in the suits of J. Searight Marshall against the county of Fayette, the city of Uniontown and the Uniontown school district in which motions of the defendants for new trials and judgment non obstante were overruled and dismissed. Mr. Marshall, formerly tax collector in Uniontown, sued the county, city and school district to recover commissions for taxes which were collected by Charles T. Cramer. The election of Mr. Cramer was contested by Mr. Marshall, the latter having been declared the tax collector by the Supreme Court. It was for commissions on taxes that the suits were brought. The cases came up for trial last October 24 and binding instructions were given in favor of the plaintiff for the following amounts: Against the county $1,229.29, against the city $2,339.95, against the school district $2,480.45.

Judge Reppert wrote an opinion in the case against the school district and merely made orders in the other cases, the issues being the same in each case. Judgment was directed to be entered in favor of the plaintiff in each case upon payment of the jury fee.

Judge Reppert granted a divorce to Mrs. Nellie M. Scott of Keister from James R. Scott of Rova. They were married March 28, 1911, at Cumberland. Mrs. Scott charged her husband with infidelity, naming Mary Jane Lavhue as corespondent. It was testified by witnesses that Scott has been intimate with the Lavhue woman and the docket entries of Justice of the Peace Alex. F. Duncan of Dunbar were introduced as evidence in which Mrs. Jane Lavhue charged Scott with the paternity of her child.

PLAN CHURCH CENSUS

Men's Christian Workers' League to Canvass the City in Few Weeks.

At a meeting of the Men's Christian Workers' League held yesterday plans for taking a religious census of Connellsville were made. The object is to locate persons who belong to a church but are not connected with any in this city and also to induce those who do not belong to any Christian organization to join.

The census will probably not be started for two or three weeks yet until more definite arrangements have been made. R. C. Davis was appointed general chairman and he will appoint chairmen for each ward. The chairmen in turn will appoint their assistants who will cover the district in which they live.

In the census the league expects to secure information that will be available to the churches. People who may been identified with churches of no denomination in this city and do not attend to all churches of the same denomination. These will be located and urged to become active in religious work.

As the letter received from Bob Jones did not definitely state whether he would not come here for a day or night, a night letter was sent to him by the league urging him to come and members will write to the evangelist personally.

COMMENCEMENT LATE

Exact Date For High School Exercises Still Uncertain.

Though the exact date for the high school commencement this year has not been decided upon it now seems certain that it will be much later than usual and later even than the school authorities had figured upon.

Due to the infantile paralysis epidemic last summer the Connellsville schools as well as all others throughout Pennsylvania got a late start and it is a matter for the authorities at Harrisburg to decide just when the schools may be closed. Superintendent S. P. Ashe wrote to the state department not long ago to ascertain just when the children here could quit. No answer has been received as yet but indications are it is said that the closing will come very late.

Notwithstanding this preparations for commencement have already been begun here.

AN AGED QUARTETTE.

Four Vocalists at Banquet, Youngest Over 60 Years.

Professor G. ... Hertzog of the California state normal, a native of Springhill township, was a member of a quartet which sang at the eighth annual banquet of the Allegheny County Alumni of the California State Normal held Friday night at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburg.

Professor Hertzog is 81 years old. The youngest member of the quartet was more than 60 years old.

Is Chosen Treasurer.

In addition to being chosen sporting editor of The Gettysburgian, Max Floto of Connellsville has been elected treasurer of the Philomathean literary society of Gettysburg college for next year.

DUNBAR WILL TAKE CENSUS OF YOUTHS WILLING TO ENLIST

Big Patriotic Meeting Called For Friday Night at Burgess' Office.

HEAR THE CALL TO ARMS

Realizing Nation's Peril and Need of Redblooded Men of Military Age, a Meeting to Determine What Dunbar Will Do is Arranged by Citizens.

Dunbar has taken the lead in responding to the country's call for volunteers to muster the Navy up to its full war strength of 87,000 men. A meeting has been called by patriotic citizens for Friday night in the burgess office in Knights of Pythias hall at 7:30 o'clock to determine just how many boys between the ages of 18 and 35 are willing to offer their services in the present great crisis.

The call of the country has gone out and Dunbar's red blooded patriotic young men will respond. The call for the meeting states that America's free liberty and the pursuit of happiness for which our fathers fought, bled and died are menaced. Our people and property are imperiled. American rights must be defended. It is therefore the glorious privilege, the bounden duty of every young American to enlist for their defense.

The object of this meeting is to consider the matter and take such action as the boys may desire. All persons between the ages of 18 and 35 years are eligible and invited to be present.

All Civil War veterans, veterans of the Spanish American war and citizens are urgently requested to meet with the boys and join in the discussion. Boys of Mount Braddock, Perry and other surrounding towns are requested to be present. Show your patriotism and come around on Friday night.

COUPLE THROWN FROM CARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reagon Have Narrow Escape in Runaway Near Meyer Springs.

While out for a drive Sunday afternoon Charles Reagon, 61 years old and his wife, Mrs. Ella Reagon, 51 years old, well known residents of Connellsville, had a narrow escape from death in a runaway which occurred near Meyers Springs. They were driving very slowly when the harness broke, causing the horse to take fright. Mr. Reagon lost control of the frightened animal and after running for ... the buggy ... upset ...

Mr. and Mrs. Reagon were ... into a ... nearby ... Dr. ... Fer was summoned ... injured ... and his wife ... to the Cottage State Hospital where they received further treatment for their injuries. Mr. Reagon suffered a dislocation of the right shoulder while Mrs. Reagon ... cuts of the ... head and bruises of the body.

Mr. Reagon ... of ... and ... spirited one. The horse was also badly hurt.

WILL FIGHT BILL

Amusement Men Form to Combat Measure Now in Legislature.

A temporary organization was affected at a meeting of representatives of amusement enterprises of the county Sunday afternoon in the West End Theatre building at Uniontown. Moving picture theatre men and representatives of the Dawson Fair Association and the Uniontown Speedway Association were present. Harry P. ... was chosen chairman, Harry Beeson secretary and Earl S. Porter, C. W. Johnson and Harry Beeson committee on bylaws.

The meeting was called to discuss the bill now pending in the legislature to prohibit any child from attending entertainments or public gatherings unless accompanied by an adult. Out of the meeting held to protest against this law will come a permanent organization of Fayette county amusement men.

Connellsville was represented at yesterday's meeting by Mrs. Fred Robbins, C. L. Wagner and C. H. Balsley.

GOVERNMENT SEEDS HERE

Congressman Hopwood Sends Packets to Mayor Marietta.

About 0 packages of garden seeds from Congressman R. F. Hopwood arrived in Connellsville Tuesday addressed to Mayor R. Marietta and Chief of Police B. Rottler distributed a few of them.

The packets contain five vegetable varieties: peas, carrot, lettuce, radish and tomato.

Auto Receipts Largest Ever.

HARRISBURG, March 27.—Total automobile license receipts for this year bid fair to reach $3,300,000. They already have passed $2,000,000 two and a half months ahead of the corresponding time when that figure was achieved last year.

Lieut. Col. Krueger Resigns.

HARRISBURG, March 22.—Walter Krueger of Pittsburg has resigned as lieutenant colonel of the Tenth Infantry. He resumes his position as captain and inspector instructor of the Regulars at Pittsburg.

PLANS SUICIDE VERY CAREFULLY

Puts Handerkerchief About Neck to Catch Blood and Then Shoots Himself.

Melancholia resulting from brooding over the safety and welfare of a brother and sister in Belgium is thought to have caused Peter Leuch, ter of Mount Pleasant to end his life some time during the night or early Tuesday morning by firing a bullet through his head. Leuchter boarded at the Ruder Inn, Mount Pleasant, and his dead body was found lying across the bed between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning by a maid at the Inn. He had the revolver in his hand and around his neck was a large red handkerchief which he had carefully arranged to prevent the blood from coming in contact with his clothes. He had evidently planned the suicide very carefully. A new suit of clothes was found lying beside his bed. Coroner M. W. Horner of Westmoreland county was summoned and viewed the body.

Leuchter came to Mount Pleasant from Antwerpen, Belgium, 30 years ago and was well known in that community. He was a watch maker and repairman and for some time was employed by Walter Morrison of Mount Pleasant, now deceased. He later was employed by Harry Morrison. He has not worked since last October. Failing to receive any word from his relatives in the war stricken country he became melancholy and worried about apparently in a dazed condition. He was unmarried.

GET READING ROOM

Chamber of Commerce Office Secured By Business Women.

The Business Women's Christian Association has secured a room in the First National Bank building formerly occupied by the Chamber of Commerce for a reading room which will be open to all members of the association and other business women of the city. The room will be attractively fitted up and will be equipped with ... magazines and other reading matter. The weekly Bible study ... which ... held in the Methodist Episcopal church ... since the organization of the association ... will be held in the new ... quarters.

A ... will ... at the room ... times ... look after the wants of all ... The association ... also ... evening ... gymnasium ... the gymnasium ... of the Vacation ... Council.

PLAYGROUNDS CONCERT

Large Audience Hears Welsh Singers at Colonial.

The Iowa ... Welsh ... the ... Wednesday ... under the ... of the ... Association. The ... were ... received.

A ... program of ... the ... Welsh ... Star Spangled Banner ... while ... the ... close ... America ... national song. ... rest of ... Welsh tongue.

The ... House ... full and it ... certain that ... was ... to ... Playground ... with several changes ... to the requirements ... at the end of ... being ... to make the aisles wider.

SUPERVISORS TO MEET

Call for Session at Uniontown Saturday Sent Out Today.

UNIONTOWN, March 27.—Calls were issued today for the annual meeting of the Fayette County Association of township supervisors to be held in the court house next Saturday. Two sessions are to be held, the first beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

The executive committee headed by Lloyd Stillwagon of Connellsville township, president of the association, is arranging a program of well known speakers. The annual meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the act of 1913 and the supervisors are paid by the county $2 per day and mileage for their attendance. Officers for 1917 will be elected at this meeting and the association's arrangements for participation in the state wide Good Roads Day will be discussed.

MORE STEAM

Fire Whistle Connected to Main Line at Brewery.

During the connection of the fire whistle to a new steam line long blasts were blown several times Monday night, residents of that section say. The whistle is being put on direct steam line at the Pittsburg brewery where construction changes have necessitated a new arrangement.

The change will give much more power to the fire whistle. There will not likely be any expense to the city for the work in putting the whistle on the main steam line. The blasts of the whistle caused much annoyance. Officials of the fire department however deny that the siren shrieked at all and attribute the noise to a locomotive. Residents say they know better.

Westmoreland Liquor Licenses.

GREENSBURG, March 26.—License court opened here today with 215 applicants, 186 of which were for retail licenses. Many remonstrances have been filed.

WOMAN IS KILLED BY RIFLE SET UP AS BURGLAR TRAP

Former Connellsville Woman Shot While Entering Her Home at Fairmont.

DOORKNOB PULLS TRIGGER

Mrs. J. Arthur Shaw, Returning From a Visit to Connellsville and Dawson, Fatally Injured as She Tries to Effect Entrance to Home.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 28.—Mrs. Lavina Shaw, 26 years old, wife of J. Arthur Shaw, head baker at the Model Bakery, was shot and fatally injured yesterday afternoon about 1:00 o'clock when a gun which her husband had placed against the door as a burglar trap was discharged as she turned the knob, the bullet striking her in the temple. Death resulted about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Shaw with her four children, the youngest being three months old, had been visiting at the home of her father, John Ober, at Dawson, and at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harriet Morrison, in Connellsville. She left Connellsville yesterday morning for her home on Baltimore & Ohio train, arriving there at 12:35 o'clock. She had written her husband that she was coming home but Mr. Shaw wrote her that he would come to Connellsville and accompany her home, stating that the four children would be a burden on her while traveling.

She came on without waiting for him, however, and tried the front door of her home on Fields street. It was locked. She then went to the rear door and ... knob ... she ... son ... and John ... the ... window ... other door.

The ... had ... arranged the gun ... Mrs. Shaw pushed on the knob ... was nineteen ... the trigger ... and ... The gun went off, the bullet traveling ... Mrs. Shaw ... the ... down.

When shot Mrs. Shaw ... her four months old daughter ... the ... Neighbors hearing ... children ... and ... Mrs. Shaw ... hanging ... edge ... porch ... The ... child ... she had had ... arms ... will ... large ... out.

Mrs. Shaw ... 2 ... Two physicians ... A ... forehead ... part ... con... Mrs. Shaw.

Neighbors ... he ... of ... Brannon ... was forced ... 25 ... house ... his ... the last he being employed at night.

The gun was ... and ... a chair ... ran through the ... door ... the ... would be jerked back and ... pass toward a spot about seven inches from the edge of the door and about ... inches from the floor. The bullet passed through Mrs. Shaw's hat.

County Coroner Lloyd and the sheriff force visited the house and after examining it thoroughly withheld their decision further investigation. Shaw had planned the trap to keep away ... had intended to take it on the ... but failed to do so. He says he was robbed last Friday that on Saturday morning he discovered some missing. Neighbors are unable to remember any visitors to the house during the days while Mrs. Shaw was gone.

Mrs. Shaw was born at Dawson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ober, the latter deceased. She resided there virtually all her life. Since her marriage to Mr. Shaw they had resided at Connellsville, Dawson and Fairmont, moving from Dawson to the latter place. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Dawson up until taking up her residence at Fairmont, her letter having been withdrawn from the Dawson church so as to unite with the Fairmont church. In addition to her husband and four children she is survived by her father, two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Morrison of Connellsville, Mrs. Wesley Sherbondy, who resides with her father at Dawson, and James Ober, who is employed at the Connellsville garage. Mr. Shaw is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw of this city and at one time was employed at the bakery of I. A. Renner. Mrs. Shaw's body will be shipped to Dawson tomorrow morning for interment. Notice of funeral later. Mr. Ober and daughter, Mrs. Sherbondy, went to Fairmont on receiving word of the tragedy.

Dairymen Must Pay Up.

Not a single one of the dairymen who buy and sell milk in the city has paid his license tax of $5 for 1917 as yet, according to Health Officer George Hetzel. "I'm not going to run after them," Officer Hetzel said today, "but I'll give them 10 days to pay up. After that I will prosecute."

Boy is Killed.

Joseph Johns, ... son of Mrs. Ella Johns of West Brownsville, was fatally injured ... afternoon when he fell ... on the ... wheel ... the ... accident occurred.

The Grim Reaper

C. A. BUTE.

C. A. Bute, 51 years old, a well known resident of Uniontown and widely known in Connellsville and vicinity, died Monday morning at the family residence following an illness dating back to February 23 last. Mr. Bute was admitted to the Uniontown hospital for an operation and it was then that it was discovered that his illness was serious. Despite the best of medical attention death resulted. He was removed from the hospital to his home last Thursday. Funeral from the Central Christian Church, Uniontown, Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. Lloyd Goodnigh, the pastor, officiating. Interment in the Flatwoods cemetery.

Mr. Bute was born on the Bute farm in Flatwoods, Franklin township, a son of the late Joseph and Clarissa Bute. He continued to reside on the home farm until seven years ago when with his family he moved to Uniontown. Mr. Bute married Miss Harriet Armstrong, who with one daughter, Miss Gladys Bute, a student at Goucher College, Baltimore, and the following brothers and sisters survive: W. J. Bute of Dawson, Espey Bute of San Jose, Cal., George C. Bute of Aurora, Neb., J. I. Bute of Connellsville, Mrs. Sarah Jane Betts of Aurora, Neb., Mrs. D. H. Fehee of Wilkinsburg, Mrs. Robert McBurney of Juniata, Mrs. J. B. Henderson of Vanderbilt and Mrs. George L. Armstrong of Connellsville. Mr. Bute was a member of a family of 15 children, other deceased members being Jackson Bute, Mrs. Belle McMillen and H. S. Bute. He was a member of the Central Christian Church of Uniontown and had large coal holdings in West Virginia, having interests in the Buckhannon and Fin fields.

MRS. LUCINDA KING BROOKS.

Mrs. Lucinda King Brooks, who died Thursday morning at 1 o'clock at the home of her son-in-law, Prof. William M. Fields, in ... of ... near the close of her eightieth year, was born in Somerset county ... Normalville from her girlhood. She was married to William H. Brooks of that place in 1861 ... children were born of that union, ... Brooks survive. The living are ... of Normalville, Mrs. I. W. Shipley of Scottdale, Mrs. William ... Fields and Mrs. J. B. ... of Connellsville. ... grandchildren and ... great grandchildren ... Mrs. Brooks is also survived by ... John King of ... Mrs. Walter ... of Connellsville. Mrs. Brooks united with the United Brethren Church fifty years ago and continued faithful and loyal throughout her long life. She was respected and esteemed as a kind and genial ... neighbor and friend by a large circle of acquaintances in her home community.

Funeral services from the McIlvain home in Dawson ... Rev. N. P. Tanneh of ... the United Brethren Church officiating. Interment at ... Rev. ... the funeral party left Connellsville for Normalville leaving ... the ... 8 A. M. car from Everson.

EDWARD G. STECK.

Edward G. Steck, ... years old, died Tuesday afternoon at the Cottage State Hospital where he had been a patient since a week ago yesterday. Funeral from the Steck home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. J. S. Burgess, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. The funeral party ... on the Pennsylvania train due here at 3:30 P. M. for Greensburg where the interment was made. Deceased was born in Greensburg December 22, 1895, a son of Edward Steck, deceased, and Mrs. Mollie Kuhn Steck. The family moved to Connellsville from Greensburg about seven years ago. Deceased was a member of Company D for about five years and served on the Mexican border. At the expiration of his enlistment for three years he re-enlisted for one year. He had been employed as a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. About a year ago he married Miss Margaret Collins of Connellsville and in addition to his widow he is survived by an infant son, Donald Edward Steck, his mother, one sister, Mrs. T. B. Gibson of Scottdale and two brothers, Charles Steck of Scottdale and Junior Steck at home. Deceased was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

ABRAHAM HOKE.

Abraham Hoke, ... years old, a well known farmer of Hammondville, died Saturday night at the Memorial Hospital, Mount Pleasant. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with interment in Greenlick cemetery. Deceased is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Elmer Wheeler, Mrs. ... ner Berg, Mrs. Rice Freed of Mount Pleasant, Effie Mary and one son, Homer Hoke, at home.

GEORGE W. PHILLIPS.

George W. Phillips, ... years old, died Sunday at his home at ... Junction. Funeral tomorrow at Vanderbilt. Deceased is survived by the following children: William, John, George and Christ Phillips, all at home, Frank Phillips of Connellsville and Mrs. Edward Stout of Star Junction.

MRS. ANNIE R. MILLWARD.

Mrs. Annie R. Millward, 68 years old, wife of D. B. Millward, superintendent of the Perry Coal & Coke Company, died Saturday evening at 6 o'clock at her home in Perryopolis following an illness of complications of ... Funeral service Monday evening ... held from the family home ... Rev. W. ... of the ... Episcopal church officiating. Deceased is survived ... are the ... and ... Millward ... of the Casualty Company of Philadelphia, Harry O. Millward, superintendent of the Filbert mines of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, and Mrs. Mary B. Lowther at home. Three sisters, Mrs. John Ness of Connellsville, Mrs. William Boland of near Trotter and Mrs. Emma Myers of United also survive.

ROBERT LUNNEN.

Robert Lunnen, 17 years old, son of Mrs. A. F. Lunnen, formerly of Connellsville, died Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his mother's residence at Derry. He contracted pneumonia a week ago today but his condition was not alarming until Saturday.

Deceased resided in Connellsville until 1910 when the family moved to Derry. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city and was well known here. In addition to his mother the following brother and sisters survive: Charles, Walter and Ray Lunnen at home, Richard and David Lunnen, Mrs. R. W. Cover and Miss Sarah Lunnen, all of Connellsville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock from the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city.

JOHN LAMPART.

John Lampart, four years old, died Monday night at 9:30 at his home at Davidson following a brief illness of diphtheria.

PETER NEZZADA.

Peter Nezzada, 62 years old, died Wednesday at his home at Trotter. The body was removed to Funeral Director J. L. Stader's parlors.

WILLIAM A. CUMMINGS.

The funeral of William A. Cummings took place from the family residence at Hazelwood Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Cummings was 61 years old and was a Baltimore & Ohio railroad conductor for 2 years. He was born at Braddock and was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, Glenwood Lodge No. 281 of the Reformation Commandery and Knights of Malta. He married Miss Estella Dunham, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dunham of Connellsville. In addition to his widow he is survived by two children, Russell and Warren Cummings, two sisters, Mrs. James Hutchinson and Mrs. H. F. Smith and a brother, John Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shearing of South Connellsville and Mrs. J. B. Clifford ... and went to Hazelwood this morning to attend the funeral.

JOSEPH W. BETTERS.

Joseph William Betters, the 10 months old son of James and Mary Belle Jone Betters, colored, died Wednesday at the family residence in North Eighth street following an illness of pneumonia. Funeral Friday. ... Wednesday at the Cottage State ... birth.

MRS. SUSIE GLOZNER.

While the body of her infant son was awaiting burial, Mrs. Susie Glozner of Star Junction, 41 years old, died Thursday night at 9 o'clock at the Cottage State Hospital of peritonitis. The body was removed to Funeral Director J. L. Stader's parlors and prepared for burial. Friday morning the bodies of the mother and her infant son, Joseph Glozner, who died shortly after his birth at the Cottage State Hospital were shipped to Star Junction.

MARGARET HUEY.

Margaret Huey, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Huey of Eliza street, died Thursday of croup.

HENRY RHODES.

Henry Rhodes, a resident of Connellsville virtually all his life, died Saturday morning at ... P. M. at his home in Arch street. The body was removed to Funeral Director J. E. Sims parlors and prepared for burial. Mr. Rhodes was a carpenter by trade. He was unmarried and lived alone. Two brothers, Daniel Rhodes and James Rhodes, both of Connellsville, survive.

MRS. GERTRUDE ELKINS.

Mrs. Gertrude Elkins, 30 years old, wife of Hugh Elkins, died Saturday evening at her home at Brownsville.

MRS. CAROLINE M. BRITT.

Mrs. Caroline Miller Britt, widow of Robert Britt of Georges township, died Saturday evening in her 70th year.

WOMAN, BEDFAST 38 YEARS, DIES

Miss Margaret Minerd, 58 Years Old, Passes Away at Ohiopyle Home On Monday.

After being confined to her bed 38 of the 58 years of her life Miss Margaret Minerd died Monday morning at her home in Ohiopyle. During the long years that she was unable to get about she occupied her time with fancy work and produced many beautiful pieces.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence. The body was taken ... and to Hopwood for interment ... funeral party will go by train. Miss Minerd leaves three sisters, ... Anderson of Rochester, Pa., ... and Mrs. ... Miller of Union... and a brother, David Minerd of ... who was visiting his sister at the time of her death.

TO KILL DOGS.

Commissioners Send Out Official Order For Slaughter.

... were ... out by the commissioners Tuesday ... constables ... kill the 0 or more ... dogs ... their owners ... assessments on ...

... to assessors ... the ... constables have ... who ... have reason to ...

STREET PAVING IN THIS CITY TOTALS NEARLY 14 MILES

State Reports Show Connellsville is Well Up Among the Leaders.

HARRISBURG IS FIRST

State Capital Has 68.32 Miles But Erie Leads in Yardage: Altoona and Connellsville the Only Ones Where Property Owners Pay All of Cost.

Connellsville is well up on the list of the smaller third class cities in the number of miles of street paving according to facts compiled by the division of municipal statistics of the Department of Labor and Industry. This city has 13.536 miles of bricked streets according to this report.

Uniontown has 16.179 miles. Oil City has 23.07 miles and leads the smaller cities. Lock Haven is at the bottom of the list with 2.2 miles and Lebanon is next to the cellar position with only 3.4 miles. Monongahela City has 7.10 miles.

Altoona and Connellsville are the only cities where the cost of paving is assessed entirely against abutting property owners.

While Harrisburg heads the list for lineal mileage Erie with 68.32 miles of paving leads in yardage with 1,392,310.27 square yards against 1,213,747.64 yards in Harrisburg. In both cities asphalt is the principal kind of paving in use.

The street paving statistics were obtained from city engineers in each municipality by J. Herman Knisely, municipal statistician of the Labor and Industry Department and submitted in a report today to Commissioner John Price Jackson.

Altoona is the third city in the list according to mileage with 48.21 while Wilkes-Barre ranks fourth with 47.323 miles. In the comparison between these two cities Wilkes-Barre while having less mileage of pavement than Altoona leads in yardage with 747,302 square yards of asphalt against 709,926.8 square yards of brick and asphalt pavement in Altoona.

The city of Chester with a record of 40 miles of asphalt paving exceeds both Wilkes-Barre and Altoona on the yardage basis having 800,000 square yards of asphalt pavement. Johnstown with 43.36 miles of brick and asphalt has 653,705 square yards. Allentown with 40.25 miles of asphalt exceeds the Johnstown yardage however with 665,653 square yards.

Municipalities in the tabulation having less than 40 but more than 30 miles of paving are McKeesport 36.55 miles, New Castle 32.07 miles and Reading 31 miles.

Seventeen of the cities have paved principally with brick, six cities with asphalt, three with brick and asphalt, two with vitrified block and two with wood block.

The tabulation goes into complete detail regarding classes of paving, method of assessment, proportion paid by cities, unit cost of various pavements, cost of curbing and similar information. It shows that the entire cost of paving is assessed against abutting property owners only in Altoona and Connellsville while the other extreme where the municipality bears all the paving cost exists in Lancaster, Lock Haven, Pottsville and Reading.

CAR HITS WAGON

Vehicle Loaded With Corn Is Turned Over in Crawford Avenue.

A wagon hauling corn to the livery stable of Joseph Mertis was struck by a West Penn street car at the corner of Arch street and Crawford avenue Friday afternoon about 2.45 o'clock and the ears of corn were scattered over the street when the wagon upset.

"Doc" Cannon driving the wagon was thrown into the street suffering a lacerated finger and bruises. Bo Jackson, colored, who was on the seat with Cannon sustained a bruised hip. Cannon received medical attention.

The wagon was crossing the tracks at the bridge when the car struck it. With a start on the sloping grade on Crawford avenue it was impossible to bring the big trolley to a stop quickly. The wagon was overturned and the load of corn scattered on the streets. Corn caught by the car was taken over the bridge, ears being scattered on the tracks as far as the west end of the bridge.

JOHN GANNON BURIED

Relatives, Said to Be Rich, Refuse to Pay for Burial.

Relatives refusing to bear the expenses for the funeral of John Gannon who died three weeks ago at the Cottage State Hospital following a brief illness of pneumonia, Funeral Director J. E. Sims Saturday afternoon turned the body over to the county poor board.

Mr. Sims was in communication with Gannon's wife, his sister and two brothers, all of whom refused to claim the body. His sister Mrs. Comer who resides at Shamokin claimed she was too poor to pay for the burial of Gannon. It is said he was a Spanish American war veteran. He had been separated from his wife for some time past.

Gannon is said to have some relatives in the anthracite region who are well off.

Crawford Fund Increased

The school children's Crawford memorial fund has been swelled again with the addition of $9.51 from the parochial school and some belated contributions from the public schools. It is expected that the total will be something over $100.

Advertise in The Weekly Courier

A BIG DEMAND FOR SEEDS

Merchants Have Good Supply for Gardeners; Prices Somewhat Higher, Onions Leading, 100% Advance

In spite of a demand nearly twice as great as last year Connellsville merchants who sell garden seeds are all well supplied they say and have little trouble in securing seeds with which to supply their eager customers. The price of seeds has gone up but very little from last year and there is an excellent business being done by all who specialize in the line.

The reported shortage supposedly caused by the same labor shortage that curtailed food crops does not seem to have affected Connellsville's supply at all. More merchants are handling seeds this year than ever before and they all say that they had no trouble in securing them.

Practically the only seed shortage which hits Connellsville is the failure of the government supply of free packages which are distributed by the congressmen. The announcement that this supply had been exhausted and that no more seeds were available for free distribution occasioned nation wide interest in the supposed shortage of seeds.

The prices at which the seeds are being sold here are little higher than last year's quotations. Packages are retailed at five, 10 and 15 cents, much the same as before though it was expected that seeds would be raised in price just as foodstuffs have been. Onion sets however have gone up nearly 100 per cent since last spring. They are selling for 20 and 25 cents now when last year's prices averaged 12 and 15 cents. Notwithstanding this an unusual number of onion sets are being put in at this time by the gardening enthusiasts.

Practically everyone is preparing a garden these days and every back yard and vacant lot is being utilized for the purpose. These gardens it is hoped will eventually cut down the high cost of living. At any rate the interest is causing a larger sale of seeds than for some years.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

"Old Time School" Presented by Hulltown Students

A musical comedy "The Old Time School" was presented Friday night by Hulltown school, Lower Tyrone township in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. The entertainment which was given for the benefit of a piano fund will be repeated tonight. The piano has been purchased and placed in the school.

In addition to the play the following program was carried out: Doll song, calisthenics drill, song "Playmates," song "Reuben and Rachel" duet, Grecian drill, piano and vocal solos, boogie drill. The accompanists of the evening were Harry Whipkey, pianist and Donald Patterson, violinist. The program was delightfully rendered, every number being greatly enjoyed by the large audience. Ice cream and candy were sold later in the evening.

BOYS PAROLED

Youngsters Who Robbed Second Ward School Released

Harry Findley, Wilbur Findley, William Keys, James Keys and Harry Miller, the five boys alleged to have robbed the Second Ward school early Friday morning were brought before an alderman W. D. Calhoun Friday night after they had been arrested by City Detective J. W. Mitchell and released from custody after a severe lecture. All are pupils at the Second Ward school.

Attorney H. George May explained to the boys that the offense would be remembered and that they would be prosecuted on it if seen on the street late at night again or if they committed any other acts that were the least bit questionable.

The boys admitted the theft. Detective Mitchell recovered about $1 of the $9 stolen.

THORN ARRESTED

Taken to Pittsburg by Government Officer On Old Charge

Hershell Thorn alias Joe Thorn of the West Side was arrested Friday afternoon by Baltimore & Ohio Policeman M. F. Wilhere and turned over to Thomas P. Campbell, deputy United States marshal who took him to Pittsburg. Thorn was to have appeared at the trial of John Jackson and Eugene Houck charged with rifling mail bags at the Baltimore & Ohio freight house at Erie earlier in the week but failed to show up.

Deputy Campbell telegraphed Officer Wilhere to meet him on train No. 15 yesterday afternoon and Thorn was arrested about an hour later. He was taken to Pittsburg on No. 15. Thorn was out on bail.

CURED OF PARALYSIS

Clinical Treatment Has Fine Results in New York City.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Of 6,755 patients who survived infantile paralysis during the recent epidemic in New York City 102 have been discharged by clinics as cured. Ninety five have died since apparent recovery from acute disease. Of those still receiving treatment 5,003 are under clinical supervision and 1,073 are in charge of private physicians.

The report of the commission on after care of infantile paralysis cases which contains these figures points out that recoveries so far recovered are only part of the children who will ultimately recover the use of paralyzed limbs.

News Agency Sold.

H. W. Lessig has sold his news agency on Apple street to John Keister of Scottdale. The latter will take charge April 1.

FOREIGN SERVICE MEN MAY BE NEEDED TO TRAIN RECRUITS

Following the circulation of reports here that army service men of Camp Walter L. Brown Spanish War, Philippine and Foreign Service Veterans had received orders to hold themselves in readiness for a call to the colors on or after April 2 it became known that many members of the post are preparing to turn out in case of necessity though no orders to that effect have been sent here.

Members of the national guard of Pennsylvania after their three years of actual service are over remain reservists for three years. This period has passed therefore for the foreign service veterans but there has been much talk among them of volunteering their services. More than 100 men are members of the local post and two thirds of them are under the army age limit, to Commander T. R. Cunningham said this morning.

Not long ago one service man says the veterans were sounded out as to whether they were willing to take officers commissions in the event of war even if only to drill and train recruits. Particular attention was paid to those who were not only under the age limit and physically fit but were not bound by family ties.

The great weakness should the United States army be called into action this man insists would be a lack of officers. "Volunteers are easy to get," he says, "but volunteer officers are out of the question. The whole regular army can't be taken to command the recruits either. The foreign service veterans are the men and I believe they are being counted upon. Most any of them would be willing to go back into the army if given an officer's commission."

There has been some talk among members of the post along these lines. Commander Cunningham however says the idea is to organize a regiment of service men of which the local camp members will likely form one company. Plans for the organization of such a regiment were set on foot during the Mexican trouble and were dropped for the time being when the border service came to an end.

It seems certain that Connellsville would do her part should war come. Prospects are that Company D will be called out to duty of some kind, the Camp Walter Brown veterans seem enthusiastic about serving should it become necessary for them to do so and business men and fraternal organizations are said to be busy forming home guard companies.

GUARDSMEN HERE TO TAKE AN INVENTORY

Captain Robert S. Morton of Company D has received orders from Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart of the National Guard of Pennsylvania regarding the articles, equipment and clothing necessary for field service.

All the company commanders throughout the state received the same circular letter and Captain Morton attaches no special significance to it although it may mean that preparations for calling out the guard are in progress.

Contracts for the required uniforms and equipment were let last week by the state officials. Should Company D be called out for field service and fail to receive the new equipment the guardsmen would use the articles of their Mexican border service. In a number of other states the militia has been called to guard bridges and do similar protective work.

MAY BE BLIND FROM EXPLOSION

Ohiopyle Man Goes to Relight Fuse of Stick of Dynamite and It Lets Go

As the result of an explosion of dynamite Thursday afternoon Gilbert Bixner of Ohiopyle, 38 year old, will probably lose his sight. Mr. Bixner for the past few days had been employed by Van Rush, proprietor of the Ohiopyle House and was prospecting for coal near Ohiopyle when the accident occurred.

As he was about to relight the fuse of a stick of dynamite which he thought had not been properly lighted the first time the explosion occurred, burning his face and eyes. He was brought to Connellsville and removed to the Cottage State Hospital for treatment.

Today the sight of both eyes is badly impaired and it was stated by hospital authorities the sight might be destroyed.

Danks Will Filed.

The will of Tracy Danks, late of Mount Pleasant was probated in Greensburg courts yesterday. The estate is valued at $810. Emma Danks, a daughter is bequeathed the sum of $1. The residue is to be equally divided among the children and include a grandchild, Margaret Reinberger. The children are Mrs. Henry Baldwin, Hettie Danks, Ross Danks, Mrs. Charles Campbell and Dane Danks.

Waive Hearing.

Tony Abrahams and his wife of Leisenring No. 1 waived a hearing last night on charges of larceny, larceny by bailee and receiving stolen goods preferred by Leonard Schiaveno, also of Leisenring and gave bail for court. The hearing was to have been before Alderman W. D. Colborn. Theft of Schiaveno's chickens is alleged.

Buy West Side Property

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Spenser of Pitt street, West Side have moved to their new home on Third street. The Third street property was purchased from C. M. McDermott, the deal being transacted through A. E. Wagoner of the West Side.

INVENTORY IN DIXON ESTATE

Proprietor of Central Hotel Here Left Property Valued

UNIONTOWN, March 24.—The personal property of the late John Dixon, proprietor of the Central Hotel, Connellsville, amounted to $11,339.9[illegible] according to the inventory and appraisement of John Dean and J. Kelly, which has been filed in the office of the register of wills here. Mr. Dixon's personal property consisted of the following: Hotel furniture and bar stock $760, whiskey in storage $1,260, five shares stock in First National Bank of Connellsville $375, 1 shares of stock in Second National Bank of Connellsville $500, five shares of stock in the Yough Trust company $250, 80 shares of stock in the Meyersdale Brewing company $1,600, 18 shares of stock in the Tri-State Telephone company $500, 18 shares of stock in the Pennsylvania Realty company $500, 600 shares of stock in the Wallace Coal & Coke company $27,000, 50 shares of stock in the Sligo Iron & Steel company no value, 200 shares of stock in the Western New York Mining company no value, cash deposits in the following banks: Duquesne National Bank of Pittsburg $10,000, Dollar Savings Bank of Pittsburg $2,667.71, Union Savings Bank of Pittsburg $2,859.18, Yough Trust company of Connellsville $101.[illegible], First National Bank of Connellsville $171.11, First National Bank of Connellsville checking account $287.[illegible]4.

The personal property of the late Almond Marletta of Connellsville has been appraised at $6,891.13. At the time of his death he had on deposit in the bank of the Title & Trust Company of Western Pennsylvania $1,891.13 and owned stock in the Republic Brewing company, 10 shares valued at $1,000. He was the holder of a note for $1,000 and owned four bonds, three certificates and 20 shares of stock in the Uncle Sam Oil company of $720 par value but which are appraised as being of doubtful value.

BICHLORIDE IS EASY TO SECURE

Physicians However Are Skeptical as to Whether Would Be Suicides Take It

The bichloride route into eternity has received such publicity recently that speculation has arisen as to the reason this particular poison is chosen by those who wish to depart from this life. Physicians attribute it to the advertising given bichloride of mercury when it was taken by a southern man some years ago, published accounts of his sensations after taking the tablets having pictured a fairly pleasant end practically painless death. This is far from being the fact, all bichloride poisoning physicians declare.

Some skeptics have openly expressed as to whether some of the alleged bichloride takers [illegible] ever took the poison. A peculiar attempt at suicide [illegible] ineffective not only in its [illegible] but [illegible]. Bichloride is not so common [illegible] as some would have the public believe. Those who take [illegible] do not [illegible] declare.

Bichloride however is easy to procure. While it is sold only when the prospective purchaser signs a statement to the effect that it is to be used for antiseptic purposes druggists have no means of knowing to what use it may be put.

Another fact that recommends it is its comparative inexpensiveness. For 10 cents enough of the triangular tablets are secured to poison a dozen people.

5,499 BIRTHS IN COUNTY IN 1916

Stork Beats Grim Reaper by a Big Margin, There being Only 2,585 Deaths

The stork led the grim reaper in Fayette county in 1916 a mile to 1, according to statistics from the State Department of Health just received here. The returns compiled from the records of the local registrars of vital statistics in the county shows that there were 2,585 deaths and 5,499 births during the year.

Connellsville's return compiled by A. B. Lood, registrar for the city, the township and for Bullskin township is 265 deaths and 388 births.

Other records follow: R. S. Birch, Jnal Smithfield 21 deaths and 30 births; M. Truxal, Belle Vernon 40 deaths and 72 births; J. Allen Crawford, Dawson 38 deaths and 81 births; Radcliffe Weir, Ohiopyle 66 deaths and 1[illegible]4 births; David Williams, Dunbar 268 deaths and 5[illegible]0 births; Burt Marshall, South Connellsville [illegible] deaths and 81 births; S. C. Slocum, Perryopolis 106 deaths and 2[illegible]0 births; Robert Gove, Everson, 35 deaths and 251 births.

The birth rate was greater in Masontown and vicinity in comparison with the death rate than any other section of the county the figures show.

Returns to Home.

Buell Tarr who has been visiting relatives and friends at Dunbar returned to his home at Atwood, O. on Thursday. Mr. Tarr and family will move soon from Atwood to Cleveland, O. where Bennett Tarr, a son of Buell Tarr and a former principal of the Pechin schools is superintendent of the Spencerian Commercial College of Cleveland. The Tarrs formerly resided at Dunbar.

W. H. Dawson Buys Farm

J. W. Dawson of Scottdale asks The Courier to state that it was his brother W. H. Dawson who purchased a farm near his place with the intention of raising chickens on a large scale.

METHODISTS HAVE BIG ORCHESTRA

Finest Sunday School Music Makers in the County Is Their Claim

The best Sunday school orchestra in Fayette county is to be found here in Connellsville according to members of the Methodist Episcopal Church who are making that claim for the organization which plays for their services every Sunday morning. If not the best it is certainly one of the largest in this section. From 12 to 15 musicians turn out regularly once a week for Sunday school. Some never miss a Sunday, others are irregular in attendance, a few play only on special occasions but there are rarely less than eight present.

The orchestra was organized several years ago with two or three members and has grown in numbers and in proficiency. Several concerts have been played and ambitious programs presented. In addition to the regular Sunday services the orchestra is often called upon to play at church socials and similar affairs.

Church members support the orchestra and are enthusiastic about it. Rev. G. L. C. Richardson recently announced that when the new addition to the church was built there would be a special gallery for the orchestra. The platform in the present Sunday school room is almost too small for those that assemble here to play.

The complete roster including the regulars and those who play only on special occasions and embracing some of the leading musicians of the section is as follows:

Piano, Miss Sara Marsh; violins, Mrs. W. F. Aguire, John Pascaluc[illegible], Irwin Satterfield, Gerald Trevitte, Mr. Mackendoo, Byron Porter and Paul Bchanna; cello, Howard Taylor; bass viol [illegible]; Christner; cornets, Elgin Horner and W. G. Orward; horns, A. High Mulac[illegible] and William Calle[illegible]; trombone, Robert Birrell; baritone, Vincent Donato; clarinet, Charles J. Thomas and W. J. Aguire; flute, Harry G. Sliger; drums, J. J. McWilliams. J. Frank Hard of Scottdale will direct the orchestra at a concert to be given Friday night.

DANCING BANNED FOR CATHOLICS

Order of Bishop Canevin Read in Churches at Masses Yesterday

An order promulgated by Right Rev. Canevin, bishop of the Pittsburg diocese of the Roman Catholic Church putting the ban on dancing was read by all Catholic priests of the [illegible] Sunday morning. Members of the churches were told that dances in halls and certain [illegible] church halls would not be permitted. Men's [illegible] dances will no [illegible] for church uses.

The support of [illegible] must not depend [illegible] dances and [illegible] birch [illegible] dangerous [illegible] sin [illegible] stomach [illegible] ton of church.

It is not [illegible] intent [illegible] to prohibit such dances [illegible] school [illegible] halls [illegible] the amusement or exercise of the young [illegible] as long as persons of both sexes [illegible] and take part in the dance.

Rev. Father J. J. Burns [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] No [illegible] dancing will be permitted [illegible] the parochial school [illegible] should be [illegible] societies [illegible] do so provide [illegible] some other place but none of the none gained can be used for church purpose. Girls may dance together if they wish and so may the men.

Incidentally Father Burns remarked that there were several dancing halls in Connellsville which should be closed.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Trinity Reformed Sunday School Chooses Leaders For Coming Year

Officers were elected on Sunday morning at the Trinity Reformed Sunday school, those chosen will serve for a year beginning with next Sunday. The new officers follow:

C. A. Pa[illegible]baugh, superintendent; Sol Lepley, assistant superintendent; Thomas Meneece, secretary; Edwin Kragy, assistant secretary; Eugene Wagner, treasurer; Ralph Lepley, assistant treasurer; Charles Henderson, librarian; Lloyd Meneece and Ellis Wagner, assistant librarian; Miss Frances Rhodes, pianist; George Rudolph, assistant pianist.

JONES MAY COME.

Evangelist Complains of Sickness But Will Try to Visit Connellsville

In reply to an invitation of the Men's Christian Workers League to visit Connellsville for a day following the close of his evangelistic campaign in Zanesville, O. Bob Jones has written that if he is not too ill he will be here. Jones is worn out and has had the grip according to his letter.

If the evangelist comes here he will leave immediately afterwards for Grand Rapids where he is scheduled to conduct his biggest campaign in a tabernacle seating 10,000 persons.

Campaign for Y. M. C. A.

Uniontown's campaign for a Y. M. C. A. building to cost $100,000 which is to be subscribed before March [illegible] opened Friday night with $48,[illegible] subscribed.

To Hold Races

A declaration of war by the United States will not interfere with the schedule of the Uniontown [illegible] has been announced and the spring meet will be held as planned for on May 10.

Wilson Orders Navy Increased To War Strength of 87,000

President Wilson last night signed an executive order directing that the authorized enlisted strength of the Navy be increased to 87,000. In a telegram to The Courier Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels says the need is imperative for a larger enlistment to man new ships and ships in reserve. There has been a net increase of over 6,000 enlistments since Congress recently authorized an increase. Secretary Daniels states but many more are needed.

The navy offers exceptional advantages to young men of stuff and ambitions to serve in the first line for national defense, the secretary states.

The President's order follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in the President by the act of Congress approved August 26, 1916, entitled an act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917 and for other purposes it is hereby directed that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000 men.

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON

STRUCK BY TWO CARS

Chalk Hill Man Seriously Hurt in Successive Accidents

Joseph Kentmiller, 71 years old of Chalk Hill was seriously injured Saturday night on the National Pike when he was struck by two automobiles while on his way home. Kentmiller's rig was struck by the first machine and wrecked and he was thrown to the ground. He suffered a few bruises.

Unhitching his horse the man resumed his trip on horseback. After traveling about a mile another automobile collided with him and this time his skull was fractured when he was thrown from his horse. The occupants of the machine rushed him to the Uniontown Hospital and disappeared.

Kentmiller is lying at the hospital in a serious condition. His horse was so badly injured that it was shot.

REFUSES ROYALTIES

Inventor of Lewis Gun Will Take No Premium From U. S. Government.

Reports from Washington say that Colonel I. N. Lewis, U. S. A. retired, former Fayette county man and inventor of the Lewis machine gun has refused to accept royalties on his weapons which are being sold to the United States government. Colonel Lewis recently returned a check for $10,000 to the War Department stating in the accompanying letter that he never intended to accept any premium from the government on the guns of his invention.

The Lewis gun was offered to the government some years ago and it was turned down. Later it was brought into use by the Allies and has proved to be the best machine gun in the world according to European military experts.

APPLY FOR JEWELS

Three Smithfield Men Have Been Odd Fellows For Fifty Years.

Three members of the Catalum Lodge No. 317, I. O. O. F. of Smithfield have petitioned for jewels that are awarded to Odd Fellows after they have been members for 50 consecutive years. They are H. O. Ney, Joseph Long and Henry C. Hunn.

The jewels are awarded by the grand lodge after the members have selected which design they want. At a later date a banquet and the usual ceremonies accompanying the awarding of the jewels will be held at Smithfield.

Only three jewels have been awarded in Connellsville since the organization of the lodge.

GIRLS AS FARMERS

They Will Not Only Raise Produce But Can the Surplus

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 26.—Hillsboro county school girls are enlisting in the army of amateur farmers which is springing up throughout New England and are going a step further.

They are planning not only to raise vegetables for home consumption but also to can any excess as a measure of preparedness against the possibility of a shortage of commercially canned goods next winter. Home garden clubs and canning clubs have been *formed*.

Granted Divorce

Mrs. Anna Ilas Clark Young of Belle Vernon Friday was granted a divorce from John P. Young, also of Belle Vernon. Young is alleged to have deserted his bride one month after the marriage on July 7, 1913. At that time Mrs. Young was 17 years old and her husband 40.

AGED RECLUSE BURNS TO DEATH

Basil Derry, 77 Years Old, Found Lying in Grate Near Glendale School House

Basil Derry, 77 years old, a wealthy hermit of Smithfield was found cremated Sunday morning in his home near Glendale school house. Derry's body was found by Charles Gates who while passing the house smelled something like burning rags. Going into the building Gates saw the man's body lying on the floor in front of the grate. The clothing was still on fire and had ignited the woodwork near the grate causing the smoke.

Derry is thought to have been seized by an attack of heart trouble while seated in front of the fire and to have fallen into the grate. He had left the county home only a few days before and was sick then. It is supposed that he left the county home because he desired to die at the place where he had been born and raised. Derry died very near the place where not long ago John Park another recluse succumbed and under almost similar circumstances.

Derry was a descendant of Balser Derry, a pioneer settler and was the last of his family. Interment was held this afternoon in the Baptist cemetery, Funeral Director O. S. Vance being in charge of the funeral.

Gilchrist Refused License.

William D. Gilchrist, former Connellsville man and now proprietor of a hotel at Ambridge, Beaver county was refused a liquor license yesterday by Judge George A. Baldwin who turned down 31 out of 47 applicants. Gilchrist was at one time the proprietor of Confluence and Ohiopyle hotels.

Aged Woman Operated On.

Mrs. Lena Schweitzer, 74 years old underwent an operation for the removal of a cataract from her eye at the Memorial Hospital at Mount Pleasant Friday. Despite her age she rallied well after the operation.

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AUTO MEN EXPECT RECORD BREAKING SALES THIS YEAR

Early Spring Demand Indicates That Motoring Will Be Principal Outdoor Sport.

MANY ARE DELIVERED

Possibility That Supply May Not Be Great Enough to Fill All Orders Impels Many to Place Their Orders Early; Partial List of Buyers.

This is expected to be the greatest year in the history of the automobile industry. What with the country being more prosperous than ever before and cars having attained a perfection almost undreamed of, local automobile dealers expect record-breaking sales. The demand will be so great, it is expected that cars will be hard to get later in the season, consequently early Spring deliveries will be unusually large. The only drawback is the high price of gasoline which is now selling at 30 cents a gallon for the poorest grade.

J. Melvin Grey has placed an order for a Stanley steam car, a new model which has created something of a sensation at the automobile shows. This machine burns kerosene, has no gears to shift and is said to climb the steepest grade at a speed regulated only by the amount of power the man at the throttle turns on.

Another new car to Connellsville will be Dr. H. C. Hoffman's National 12 which will be delivered shortly. This type of car is one of the few to climb Fayette street hill on high gear.

J. Fred Kurtz and O. H. Silcox are already sporting their new 1917 eight cylinder Oldsmobiles.

J. J. Buttermore of East Crawford avenue has placed an order for a seven passenger Paige.

C. H. Kennel and family will enjoy their new seven passenger Cadillac Eight to the utmost this summer.

J. J. Dougherty is driving a nifty Buick runabout.

A Paige car, a five passenger Fairwood model, has also been purchased by M. J. Culleton, superintendent at the Phillips works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, from the West Side Garage. This car and J. J. Buttermore's will be delivered the first of April.

Worth Kilpatrick has placed an order for a Cadillac touring car.

Mine Inspector J. E. St[illegible] and family are already seen spinning over the roads in a pretty Buick touring car.

The West Side Garage has also sold two more Marmon cars, but these have not yet been delivered.

At the Hyatt Motor company the demand for Ford cars is still brisk. Cars have been sold to A. O. Anderson of this city, Emmett Collins of Adelaide, Oliver Kelly of Flowering No. 1, Reed Sparks of Indian Head and F. C. Moore of Flowering.

In the Ford deliveries will be a truck for use of the parcels post department of the Connellsville post office. The wagon delivery will be discarded and the quicker and more economical automobile service adopted. This will be the first time motor mail delivery has been undertaken in the city. Rural delivery by motorcycle and automobile is not uncommon however.

MILL SHAFTING HERE

Silk Mill Will be Operating in But a Short Time.

The shafting for the Specialty Silk mill on the West Side arrived yesterday over the Baltimore & Ohio and will be installed immediately. The other machinery arrived several days ago.

The factory building has been completed for two weeks but a delay in the shipping of the necessary machinery has held up the opening of the factory. When the machinery finally did arrive from Connecticut the shafting ordered from Philadelphia had not yet shown up. The work will be rushed through now.

Enough employes to start the mill in operation have been signed up but all applications are still being considered.

AT OHIOPYLE CHURCH

Baptist Congregation Hears From Two Ministers.

Dr. Leroy Stevens, secretary of Pennsylvania Baptist Education Board and Dr. J. S. Bromley of Uniontown were speakers at a rally of members of the Baptist Church at Ohiopyle Tuesday evening when plans to secure a pastor for the church in the near future were talked of.

Dr. Stephens' talk was on the five year program adopted at last year's Baptist convention. According to his program the Ohiopyle church would have as its goal eight new members per year and if possible one student for the ministry. Members of the church after the address expressed their desire to secure a regular pastor and fulfill their part of the five year program.

CHARTER SCOUT COUNCIL

Westmoreland Troops Under Supervision of County Board

Westmoreland county Boy Scout officials have received word that a charter has been granted to Westmoreland county council. This action gives the council full charge of all the scout activities in Westmoreland county.

Among the members of the council are C. S. Rouse of West Newton, H. H. Bush of Youngwood, Prof. I. Alden Marsh of Scottdale and J. B. Coldsmith of Mount Pleasant.

MANY WILL MOVE ABOUT APRIL 1

Stores Take the Lead in Flittings This Year; Many In and Out of City.

The excitement which always prevails preparatory to the observance of Moving Day, April 1, is in the air and plans for a large number of flittings have been made. The changes of local people from house to house will not be so numerous as in other years, real estate agents say, but many are leaving Connellsville to take up their residence in other cities while even more are moving into this city.

One unusual feature of the season is the unusually large number of stores which are moving. On April 1 the Laughrey Drug Company will take up new quarters in the Welbe building. The same date the Crowley-Mestrezat Company will move to the Crawford avenue store room now occupied by the Penn Office Supply Company and that company will go to some place yet undecided. Before that the new Central store will be opened in the old Huston store room. W. R. Scott will also move from his present location to A. S. Silcox's store room at Peach and Pittsburg streets.

Among those moving from and into the city are the following:

J. W. Frankfort, now living at Murphy avenue and North Prospect street, will leave on April 1 for Clarksburg, W. Va., where he will make his home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alter will go to Jeannette where Mr. Alter is employed.

H. F. Huntley, formerly of Mount Pleasant, has taken a house at 104 South Prospect street.

J. M. Helleurn, also from Mount Pleasant, will make his home from now on at [illegible] Aetna street.

D. H. Barnes has moved to [illegible] Aetna street from Casselman.

Paul R. Smith will move from the Barnes flats on East Crawford avenue to the residence of Frank Brickerd on North Pittsburg street within the next few weeks.

W. R. Long will move to Monessen where he will assume the managership of the new [illegible] branch store.

John A. Armstrong [illegible] move from the South Side to his residence now nearing [illegible] at the outskirts of the [illegible] vision of the Pittsburg and Mount Pleasant roads.

INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Teachers Will Meet at Mill Run Saturday Afternoon and Night

The following program will be carried out at the teachers' institute to be held Saturday afternoon and evening, March [illegible] in the [illegible] Church at Mill Run.

Afternoon session [illegible] devotional exercises, Rev. C. A. [illegible] Candless; [illegible] address of welcome, W. S. Colborn; response, Rev. McCandless; recitation, [illegible] Study; address, C. K. Dickey; music, choir; essay, Agnes M[illegible]; [illegible] music, choir; recitation, Grace H[illegible]; essay, Hazel Kamp; address, C. A. McCandless; roll [illegible].

Evening session 7 o'clock; music, choir; recitation, Marie N[illegible]; address, F. R. Yoder; music; [illegible] address, A. J. Jones; recitation, Cosey M[illegible]; music, male quartet; address, J. S. Carroll, county superintendent of schools; [illegible] Dickey; recitation, Katherine [illegible]; music, choir; essay, Iva Mountain; recitation, Iva St[illegible]; music, male quartet; recitation, Charles Kr[illegible]; essay, Naomi Buttermore; recitation, Florence Hair; address, Earl McClintock; music, choir. J. H. Prinkey is chairman and Cosey Mas[illegible] secretary. The ushers are H. C. Krepps, Smith Prinkey and D. S. Shearer.

PREVENTIVE FOUND

Warm Salt Water Will Halt Infantile Paralysis, Says Vermont Doctor.

RUTLAND, Vt., March 22.—Announcement that Dr. Edward Taylor, professor of tropical medicine at the University of Vermont, has made an important discovery as to the manner in which infantile paralysis is spread was made today by Dr. Charles D. Caverly, president of the state board of health.

Dr. Taylor has apparently shown, Dr. Caverly says, that diseased noses and throats allow the passage of the virus into the central nervous system while normal noses and throats seem to neutralize this poison. The process of cleansing the nose and throat with warm water in which table salt has been dissolved is as good a preventive as we have.

LICENSES AGAIN

Mayor Insists April 1 Is Last Day For Merchants to Pay Up.

The merchants who neglect to pay up their licenses between now and April 1 will be prosecuted, Mayor R. Marietta announced this morning, and actions will be brought against them to collect the license fees. The mayor says that it is unfair now that every teamster and huckster has paid to have the merchants drag things along this way.

Several times notices have been issued to store keepers that arrests would follow should the licenses remain unpaid after a certain date. April 1 is the last day, the mayor now declares.

Teachers' Institute.

A teachers' institute of Lower Tyrone township will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Cunningham school. A feature will be a spelling contest by the seventh and eighth grades of all the schools in the township.

Buys a Farm.

John P. Harper has purchased the former Charles Duggan property at Flowering which embraces 15 acres of land. The consideration was $4,000.

O'BRIEN SISTERS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF KILLING BABE

Jury Out 21 Hours and Three Minutes, Returns at 1.40 This Afternoon.

11 STAND FOR ACQUITTAL

One Juror Holds Out for 15 Ballots To Convict Girls of Second Degree But He Finally is Won Over; Defendants Are Happy Over Verdict.

UNIONTOWN, March 22.—Not guilty was the verdict rendered at 1.40 o'clock this afternoon by the jury which tried Blanche and Bertha O'Brien, Fairchance sisters, for the murder of Bertha's illegitimate babe. The jury agreed upon a verdict after 21 hours and three minutes of deliberation, being out from 4.37 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

An unique feature of the jury's deliberations was the fact that of the 16 ballots taken the first 15 were the same, eleven jurors voted for acquittal and one for a second degree conviction. The one juror finally agreed to an acquittal about 1.30 o'clock and word was immediately sent to Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen who received the jury's finding at 1.40.

For the first time since they were arrested on the murder charge the two forlorn bits of humanity who were being tried for their lives permitted a smile to cross their faces after the jury's verdict of not guilty had been [illegible] in the court room. They [illegible] discharged immediately.

"PARROT FEVER" FATAL

Mysterious Disease in Wilkes-Barre Causes Two Deaths.

WILKES-BARRE, March [illegible].—When Dr. [illegible] and Dr. [illegible] of the State Department of Health [illegible] the [illegible] was [illegible] Of the [illegible] and [illegible] carried [illegible] due to [illegible] pneumonia.

The [illegible] conference [illegible] yellow fever. The theory that the [illegible] contagion [illegible] investigate.

TO REGULATE SALOONS

Sunday's Bill Would Prevent Their Being Open All Night

Abolition of the all night saloon which exists in some counties of the state is the object of a bill introduced in the Legislature by [illegible], which proposes an amendment to the Brooks law making it unlawful to open a bar between the hours of 1 and 5 A. M.

Cafes and saloons would be stripped of cabaret dancing and all other attractions under the provisions of an [illegible] offered yesterday by J. R. Smith of Bedford. Only mild forms of instrumental music would be permissible.

The Vickerman local option bill was reported favorably to the House today and will be read for the first time next Monday night.

ROAD WORK RESUMED

Pennsville and Broad Ford Jobs Are to Be Rushed Through

With the approach arrival of spring road work has been resumed at Pennsville and at Broad Ford where county improved highways were under construction when winter set in.

The Pennsville road has been closed again but it works no hardship as the stretch between Stone Bridge and Pennsville is so bad that no one but those who cannot get out of it use that route.

Some work remains to be done on the brick road between the Narrows and Broad Ford while the macadamizing of the stretch between Broad Ford and Owensdale is still far from completed.

A TAILLESS CALF

Pechin Animal Has No Fly-shooing Instrument.

A cow belonging to D. F. Provance, Sr., of near Pechin, gave birth the other day to a tailless calf. The animal is normal in every particular except that there is absolutely no trace of a tail in that place where the tail ought to be. It is getting along nicely now but the question has been raised as to how it will shoo the flies away in the summer time.

The calf is considered quite a curiosity in the Pechin district and Mr. Provance expects that he will have no trouble in disposing of it to some one who is interested in animal freaks.

Band Concert April 30.

The fourth annual concert of the Connellsville Military Band will be held Monday evening, April 30, in the Soisson Theatre. The band concert is recognized as one of the leading musical events of the season and this year the musicians expect to present a program far superior to any of the previous concerts.

PROVISIONS OF NEW CITY BILL

Councilmen Would be Unsalaried and Mayors Would Have Old Appointive and Veto Power.

The bill introduced in the Senate Wednesday to abolish the Clark Third Class City act, a brief account of which was given in The Courier, would make the office of councilman an unsalaried one and would restore to mayors the appointive and veto power formerly enjoyed.

Its purpose is to set the Clark commission form of government act aside until the people vote on the proposed constitutional amendment providing that third class cities shall have municipal home rule and make their own charters.

The elective officers under the bill would be a mayor, one member of council from each ward, a city treasurer, a city controller and three city assessors. Council is to be elected for the first time from even numbered wards at the first election under the new act for four years, from uneven numbered wards for two years and every two years thereafter new sets of councilmen are to be elected alternately from the uneven and even numbered wards. The mayor and other elective officers would each serve four years.

The bill also provides for the election of three city assessors also for four year terms. The salary of the city treasurer and city controller is to be fixed by ordinance as is also that of the city engineer who is to be elected by council. The same applies to the city solicitor. Each is to serve four years.

Council is to fix the number, rank and pay of all policemen, but the nominating power as well as the power of dismissal is with the mayor. The board of health is to be of five members elected for four year terms. The water department is to be administered by a board of commissioners chosen by council to serve without pay. The various other departments are [illegible] of council.

U. S. MAY SEIZE WIRELESS PLANTS

Local Outfits in Danger of Being Taken Down in Case of a War With Germany

[illegible] several wireless stations in town [illegible] government in case of war [illegible] All the amateur establishments [illegible] demonstrate [illegible] also.

LEWIS DESCRIBES SCOGLAND SINKING

Vessel Was Treated Very Nice by Submarine; Uniontown Man Writes.

It is not such a terrible experience to be attacked at sea and sunk by a U boat, according to Roy Lewis of Uniontown who was rescued when the Swedish steamer Scogland was sunk off the coast of Spain. Writing to a Uniontown newspaper Lewis says that the crew of the submarine treated the Scogland's crew very nice.

Lewis charges that the officers of the Scogland were the first to leave and that they took time to rescue the captain's parrot, a pet cat and a dog.

The five Americans on board the Scogland were landed at Ferrago, Spain and Lewis' letter was mailed from there. At the time it was written Lewis states the Americans were in charge of the Swedish consul. They were then without proper clothing and had no money.

SENATOR CROW'S BILL

Would Provide For Quadrennial Assessment In Counties.

Senator Crow has introduced a bill in the state senate authorizing the county commissioners to provide for a quadrennial assessment of property for purposes of taxation in townships, boroughs, wards and districts of the several counties instead of a triennial assessment as is provided by the existing laws.

Another bill of Senator Crow authorizes the state to purchase historical works relative to the services of Pennsylvania's volunteers during the Civil War.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moose Choose Their Leaders for Coming Year.

Officers were elected by Connellsville lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, in their rooms Wednesday night. Those chosen to serve were:

Dictator, Andy George; vice dictator, Chauncey Berkey; prelate, J. H. Doyle; secretary, Frank O'Connor, Jr.; treasurer, Thomas Evans; trustee, James Ross. J. D. Madigan was chosen delegate to the national convention and J. A. Cypher alternate.

Meat is Higher.

The most recent rise of prices comes with the announcement of a two and a half cent increase per pound wholesale on meats. Practically all meat wholesalers serving this territory have raised the prices that much and the retail price has gone up accordingly.

RED CROSS UNIT MAY BE FORMED BY LOCAL WOMEN

Mount Pleasant Takes Lead By Forming an Auxiliary of the Society.

CITY TO DO ITS SHARE

Possibility of War With Germany Stirs Patriotism of Women and Some Branch of Field Relief Organization is Practically Certain Here.

Possibilities of the formation of an auxiliary or chapter of the American Red Cross are strong following the visit here of a representative of the society. It seems very likely that one of the women's organizations of the city will take up the work and that an auxiliary with a certain quota of members pledged to actual service in case of war will be made up.

A number of local women have expressed their willingness to serve as Red Cross nurses and it is now entirely possible that their wish may be gratified. A Red Cross auxiliary is much more important than a chapter of the same organization since more members must be pledged to field service and two doctors of the town must also pledge themselves to aid the unit.

No definite announcement has been made of the organization of a Connellsville auxiliary but the indications are that such announcement will not be long in coming. Women have been roused to a high pitch of patriotism as well as men by recent events and service with the Red Cross is one of the few ways in which they can demonstrate their love of country and their even greater love for humanity.

In Mount Pleasant the organization of an auxiliary has already been undertaken, the [illegible] being behind the project. Mrs. John D. Hitchman, wife of [illegible] Hitchman of the [illegible] company was appointed chairman of a committee in charge of the organization and Mrs. Samuel M. Warden secretary. Ten women have made up [illegible] for a four bed unit auxiliary. They are as follows: Mrs. John S. Shields, Mrs. Samuel M. Warden, Mrs. Richard [illegible], Mrs. [illegible] Dawson, Mrs. Kirk K. Bryce, [illegible] W. Hester, Mrs. William Hitchman, Mrs. John D. Hitchman, Miss Helen [illegible] and Mrs. W. [illegible] Cort.

Mrs. Clinton Alexander Verner of Pittsburg will come to Mount Pleasant to perfect the organization on March 28.

In Pittsburg a campaign is on to form a chapter of 10,000 women with good prospects of success. [illegible] women of the city are working hard [illegible] supplies for the Red Cross work [illegible] school students [illegible].

DOCTORS MAY BE IN RESERVE CORPS

Local Physicians Would Serve if Summoned By War Department

Dr. E. B. Edie of Connellsville on Tuesday made application for membership in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps and took the examination required before admission is granted. The corps is composed of physicians who wish to serve their country in time of need and is part of the general preparedness campaign now being pushed all over the country.

[illegible] physician who hopes to be accepted into the corps and Dr. [illegible] W. [illegible] will probably apply. Neither Dr. Edie nor Dr. Funk have heard as yet whether places were open to them but it is unlikely that he will be refused.

The Medical Officers' Reserve Corps are to be called into service early in time of war. In the event that they were needed for actual field service they would be summoned by the war department of the United States and would be directly under its order.

ANOTHER GARAGE

New Company Will Erect Building on South Side

The South Side is soon to have a garage if the plans of E. A. DeMuth, S. N. O[illegible]n and William R. Cover are carried out. Application has been made by these three men for a charter for a corporation to be known as the South Side Garage Company.

A thoroughly modern building will be erected on the DeMuth property at Washington avenue and Pittsburg street, a lot 110 by 50 feet. Bids for the construction of the garage have not yet been asked.

Just how much money will be put into the building has not been made public. All its plans are a little indefinite as yet, Mr. O[illegible]n said this morning.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Greenville Pastor Comes to Pennsville United Evangelical Church

A series of evangelistic meetings will be held at the Pennsville United Evangelical Church at Pennsville beginning Monday evening and continuing indefinitely with Rev. G. C. McDowell of Greenville, Pa., in charge.

Every evening there will be a song service at 7.15 o'clock followed by an evangelistic service at 7.30. Rev. P. L. Berkey, pastor of the church, describes Rev. McDowell as a strong and fluent speaker.

Licensed to Wed

William Stephen Bickinger of West Newton and Anna May Popp of McKeesport were granted a license to wed in Cumberland yesterday.

STATE SAFETY COMMITTEE PLAN

Mobilization of Pennsylvania's Resources Planned By New Board.

Letters announcing their appointment to the state committee on safety were sent out by Governor Brumbaugh yesterday to hundreds of prominent men in municipalities of the commonwealth, among them Charles Davidson, F. W. Wright and L. F. Norton of Connellsville.

George W. Pepper of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee, outlines the steps to be taken to mobilize Pennsylvania resources in case of war as follows:

First—A complete and systematic census will be taken to determine what share Pennsylvania can take in the equipment of an army of 1,000,000 men.

Second—The names of all men and women in the state will be listed together with addresses, occupations and capabilities to be called upon in case of emergency.

Third—An industrial inventory of the state will be taken to supplement that recently compiled by the advisory committee of the Council of National Defense.

Fourth—A complete census of all automobiles and motor trucks in the state needed together with their location and time necessary to press them into service.

Fifth—A census of all chauffeurs in the state will be taken.

Sixth—All the vulnerable spots in the state will be listed and guarded. These include bridges, munition factories, railroads, towers, signal and wireless stations, armories and public buildings.

Seventh—A home guard probably will be formed of men too old for actual field service. These men will be used to defend the state's [illegible] spots.

These plans are to translate into action the sentiments discussed at the council of governors held here last week.

SAFETY COMMITTEE TO MEET WEDNESDAY

HARRISBURG, March 22.—The first meeting of the central executive [illegible] and defense will be held here next Wednesday according to announcement today by Governor Brumbaugh. Numerous [illegible] of the appointment of the committee have been received and [illegible] to complete the [illegible] of military stores [illegible] whatever will be necessary to have the [illegible] guard [illegible] at maximum strength. As soon as this information is received it will be sent to Secretary Baker [illegible].

MRS. CLAIR HELD

Local Woman to Be Tried on Three Serious Charges.

Julian[illegible] Clair was given a hearing before Alderman Fred [illegible] charged with keeping a disorderly house, larceny and [illegible] selling liquor [illegible] $500 for each charge. Joe Constandin furnished the bail.

The Clair woman pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping a disorderly house but denied the other two counts. She admitted that men who came to her [illegible] received liquor but [illegible] she accepted no money for it. She also insisted that she was not guilty of stealing $10 from George Venak while he was at her place in Meade's lane on Wednesday night. Venak preferred the latter charge against her. Chief of Police B. [illegible] preferred the other two.

STEALS HARNESS

Thief Robs Krepps' Stable But Does Not Take Wagon or Horse

A thief who entered the barn of H. I. Krepps on North Third street, West Side, Thursday night took an entire set of harness leaving the horse and wagon unmolested. Just when the robbery was committed is not known, it being discovered this morning when the driver of the wagon went to harness the horse.

The thief even took the halter from the horse's head, which left the animal unfastened in the stall.

"FRANCIS AT WHEEL"

Pickett Hauled to Police Station in Wheelbarrow

E. F. Pickett of this city was arrested Thursday in Orchard alley for drunkenness and that he was very drunk is indicated by the notation on the docket which says:

"This man had to be hauled to the station on a wheelbarrow with Francis at the wheel." Pickett was discharged by Mayor R. Marietta after a hearing this morning.

Tendered Surprise Party.

Mrs. Ben Colbert was tendered a very enjoyable surprise party Tuesday at her home at Dawson. The affair was in honor of her birthday and was cleverly arranged by members of the Colbert family. A number of Mrs. Colbert's friends attended and spent the day in a delightful social manner. At noon a well appointed dinner was served.

New Normal School Head.

INDIANA, Pa., March 23.—Prof. John A. H. Keith, president of the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wis., has been unanimously elected principal of the Indiana State Normal School here to succeed Dr. James E. Ament who has resigned to become head of the National Park Seminary at Washington, D. C., at the end of the present school year.

Pastor to Return.

Rev. J. L. Proudfit, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church who went to Florida for his health several weeks ago, is expected to return by the first Sunday in April. He writes that he is feeling better than ever.

GAS COMPANY WI[LL] BOOST RATES F[IVE] CENTS A THOUS[AND]

Expense of Drilling New [illegible] and High Cost of Transportation Given as Causes

AFFECTED 11,500 PEO[PLE]

First Increase The Company Made Since Rate Was Advanced 27½ Cents in 1910, Public Se[rvice] Commission May Disapprove

Announcement has been made by Fayette County Gas Company that effective April [illegible] rates will be increased to domestic consumers five cents a thousand cubic feet. The new rate will be 35 cents a thousand but a discount of two and a half cents for payment before the tenth of the month will make the net rate 32½ cents a thousand instead of 27½ under the present [illegible].

The company will [illegible] to its rate and tariff schedule with Public Service Commission setting forth the increase. It is up to the commission to approve or disapprove the new schedule if complaint is made of the reasonableness of it.

The increase will affect approximately 11,500 consumers in Connellsville, Uniontown, Dawson, Dunbar, Everson, Masontown, Mount Pleasant, Scottdale, Vanderbilt and Youngwood. The first bills under the new rate will be sent out June 1.

The minimum rate of $1 for less than [illegible] cubic feet consumption a month still stands but the rate of [illegible] cents to consumers whose meters are not in place for a [illegible] month will be boosted. The minimum charge will be $1 [illegible].

In a statement issued by Superintendent [illegible] Angle and printed in another column of The Courier Fayette County Gas Company [illegible] forth that when the present company took over the local plant in [illegible] the [illegible] consumers [illegible] the gas supply was [illegible] exhausted. A vigorous campaign of development work however secured a greatly increased supply. A few years later [illegible] showed unmistakable signs of exhaustion and it was [illegible] necessary to go further [illegible] with the result that [illegible] and Monongalia counties W. Va. In 1910 the depletion of the latter field was so marked that [illegible]. These [illegible] in Doddridge, Harrison, Lewis and Ritchie counties of West Virginia also [illegible] further south to connect with Gilmer, Calhoun, Roane and Kanawha counties. [illegible] this supply [illegible] output of nine wells [illegible] in Fayette, Greene, Westmoreland [illegible] there was not sufficient [illegible].

With [illegible] consumption [illegible] company sees [illegible] more gas [illegible] is greater. Despite the added expense to the company [illegible] advance [illegible] from 27½ cents a thousand feet fixed in 1910.

The cost of drilling wells is greater, the gas company states, pipe has advanced from [illegible] ago to $80 and $100 a ton, with deliveries uncertain.

This company is going to make effort to secure an adequate supply of gas [illegible] has secured a number of leases in prospective territory some distance from our present system which will require considerable expense to reach. In order to [illegible] we find it necessary [illegible] increase the price of gas as we believe [illegible] our patrons would rather pay a trifle more than [illegible] the inconvenience of a possible shortage [illegible] winter.

DEMONSTRATES WIRELES[S]

Interesting Lecture at Library Under Auspices of Radio Club.

C. W. Waggoner, an instructor at the University of West Virginia lectured on Wireless Telegraphy last night to an audience which filled the auditorium of the Carnegie Free Library. The affair was given under the auspices of the Coke Center Radio Club.

Probably the most interesting feature of the entertainment was the demonstration [illegible] apparatus used [illegible] for the occasion from [illegible] J. D. Wood [illegible].

WOULD BAN STAMPS.

Senator Snyder Seeks to Regulate Profit Sharing Propositions.

[illegible]

Inducement At [illegible]

[illegible] Dawson.

RAILROADS' VIEW OF THE DECISION ON ADAMSON LAW

Construe It as Upholding Compulsory Arbitration.

TRAINMEN WIN AND LOSE

Gained Basic Eight-Hour Day But Are Confronted With the Fact That Congress Now Has the Power to Fix Wages and Forbid Any Strikes.

The view of the Supreme Court's decision on the Adamson law, as held by railroad managers, is set forth at some length in the current issue of the Railway Age Gazette, which in part follows:

"The railway brotherhoods have won a battle and lost a campaign. They have gained their basic-eight-hour day, and at the same time have arrayed public opinion against themselves and have indirectly caused the Supreme Court of the United States to render a decision clearly holding that Congress has the power either by providing for compulsory arbitration, or by other appropriate means to fix the wages which the train employes must accept, and to forbid them to strike.

"In view of the fact that the decision upholding the constitutionality of the Adamson Act came a few hours later, it may be thought by some that the action taken by the conference committee of the railways was of no importance. As a matter of fact, however, the decision of the court does not say specifically how the act must be applied and, therefore, leaves room for wide differences of opinion which might easily have led to a strike had not the railways previously announced that regardless of the decision they would grant the employes a basic eight-hour day; by which it meant that they will simply substitute the words 'eight hours' in the wage schedules for the words 'ten hours,' as the employes demanded, thereby giving the employes the benefit not only of an hourly basis of eight hours a day but also of a mileage basis of 100 miles for eight hours, or 12½ miles per hour.

"Important as is the concession made by the railways under which the train employes will get an increase of wages of about $60,000,000 a year, it is overshadowed by the decision upholding the Adamson law case, and especially by the rulings of the court as to the powers of Congress. The majority opinion, which was rendered by Chief Justice White, among the outstanding points in it are the following:

"First, that the regulatory power of Congress is so comprehensive that it has authority to adopt any appropriate means to prevent interruption of railway service.

"Second, that its regulatory authority extends not only to the owners and managements of railways but also to their employes, whose rights, the court says, 'are necessarily subject to limitation when employment is accepted in a business charged with a public interest.'

"Third, that Congress in order to prevent an interruption of railway service may fix the wages which the railways must pay and which the employees must accept.

"Fourth, that Congress may provide for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes on railways as a means of preventing interruption of the service. On this last point the court is very specific, saying that 'the power to provide by appropriate legislation for compulsory arbitration' is 'undoubtedly possessed' by Congress and referred to it as 'a power which inevitably resulted from its authority to protect interstate commerce in dealing with a situation like that which was before it.'

"This conclusively settles both the question whether Congress has the power to prohibit strikes on railways and the question whether it can either fix wages itself or delegate that function to some other body, such as a wage commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission. The question of compulsory arbitration is certain to come up in Congress at its next session. The brotherhoods by ordering a general strike last fall and by ordering it again when the Adamson law case was pending before the Supreme Court has ruled out of Congress any discussion as to whether the government has the power to prohibit strikes. The only questions now left for it to consider are whether such legislation ought to pass, and if so, as to what form it ought to be given.

"The course of the brotherhoods, it would seem, has removed from the realm of rational discussion the question whether such legislation ought to be passed. They have shown that, in the absence of legislation to prevent them, strikes on railways are certain to occur. Since 'involuntary servitude' is prohibited by the federal constitution, and since the Supreme Court has held that to prohibit strikes is not unconstitutional, the 'involuntary servitude' argument also is barred from future discussions.

"When the members of the brotherhoods have read and thoroughly digested the decision of the Supreme Court in this case they will find that their leaders, while winning them an increase in wages of $60,000,000 a year, have also established a legislative precedent and a judicial precedent for the limitation of brotherhood activities which are likely to produce effects which both the members and the leaders of the brotherhoods were far from anticipating or desiring. The important question now is, will our politics-ridden Congress have the patriotism and courage to enact the legislation for the passage of which the Supreme Court has opened the way, and which the brotherhoods have so conclusively demonstrated is vitally necessary for the protection of the public?"

BURNING BEDS OF COAL

In The West and Elsewhere, Ignited Many Years Ago, Studied by the U. S. Geological Survey.

Many coal beds in the great coal fields of the western states have, at some time, taken fire and burned along their outcrops, baking and reddening the overlying strata so that they have become a kind of natural brick in terra cotta. The fires were in places hot enough to fuse and resystallize the overlying shale and sandstone so as to form natural slag. At some places this slag resembles true igneous rock; at others it consists largely of rare minerals. Thoroughly fused slag seems to occur chiefly in crevices or chimneys through which the hot gases generated in the burning escaped through the overlying strata. The chimney-shaped masses of slag are harder than the surrounding baked rock and, after that has weathered away, form the curious pinnacles that surmount many clinker bluffs or buttes in the west.

Some of the coal beds, especially those exposed on the higher hills, were perhaps ignited by lightning, others, according to well-authenticated reports, were ignited by prairie fires or camp fires; but as burning on the outcrop has been so common as to affect most of the coal beds in an area of more than 200,000 square miles, much of it has probably been due to spontaneous combustion.

Coal beds are now burning at or near the surface at many places in the west where the burning of the bed is disclosed by the smoke and fumes that rise from it and by the heat at the surface of the earth near the outcrop or above the bed—heat so intense that it kills all vegetation. As the coal burns out the overlying rock or earth generally caves in so as to form large fissures in the ground. As the burning works back from the outcrop, the heat acts on the overlying rocks, but finally combustion is smothered for the lack of oxygen. It is difficult to say how far back from the outcrop the burning may extend.

Field studies made by the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, indicate that a bed lying beneath twenty feet or less of cover may burn out completely under large areas, and even where the cover is several hundred feet thick the burning may extend 500 feet back from the outcrop.

RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Will Be Deferred On Account of the Increasing Costs of Operation; Congress May Be Appealed to.

In consequence of the advance in wages and other increases in the operating costs the Pennsylvania Railroad company has decided to halt the improvement work it has in progress on its system and also to defer other plans that were to be entered upon early in the spring. Nor will any work of the character mentioned be prosecuted pending the determination of the application made by the roads to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to increase their service charges.

So urgent is the necessity that the commission, departing from its customary procedure, will consider the application directly, but in view of the circumstance that it contemplates a flat increase of rates and that no new tariffs have been filed, it is anticipated generally that the commission will conclude that it is without jurisdiction to comply with the request of the carriers, which then will apply to Congress to afford them relief. Such is the program, and it is proposed by the railroads to carry it through.

The appeal to Congress will be without precedent, but the court of last resort having ruled that that body is vested with authority to determine not only the length of a work day for railroad employes, but the rate of wages to be paid them, it is contended that the power inheres in it also to determine service charges of employers.

Unless the carriers shall be afford the relief they seek, they will be unable, according to a highly placed official, to earn more than sufficient to meet their actual operating costs in the future, and the same authority predicts that in any event many railroads will be compelled to pass their dividends this year.

The most extensive improvements planned by the Pennsylvania railroad were to have been made west of Pittsburg, although large expenditures have been authorized in the eastern territory. These, including the proposed 50-mile extension into Detroit, will now be held in abeyance.

HOW THEY VOTED

One Fayette Representative Casts Ballot For Local Option.

Representative Lee Smith of Fayette county was the only member of this district's delegation in the Legislature to vote for the Vickerman local option measure yesterday.

D. H. Horton and Duncan Sinclair, Republicans, and William Manning Rhodes, Democrat, all voted against the measure.

J. B. Goldsmith and D. J. Snyder of Westmoreland voted for the bill and A. D. Miller and V. B. Bouton, of the same county, cast their ballots against it.

R. W. Lohr of Somerset, voted for it and his colleague, M. W. Speicher against it.

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Coal Freight Rates

TO EASTERN POINTS — ORIGINATING DISTRICT.

Rate per Gross Ton of 2,240 lbs. Destination	Pitts'bg	Connellsville W'moreland Fairmont	G'burg	Latrobe
Baltimore, Md.	$2.00	$1.85	$1.70	$1.60
Chester, Pa., P. R. R.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Harrisburg, Pa.	1.70	1.35	1.40	1.30
*Johnstown, Pa.	.85	.90*	.60	.45
Lebanon, Pa., P. R. R. and P. & R.	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50
New York, 37th St.	2.25	2.10	1.95	1.85
New York, Brooklyn	2.35	2.20	2.05	1.95
Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Sparrows Point, Md.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Steelton, Pa.	1.72	1.57	1.42	1.32
South Bethlehem, Pa.	2.10	1.95	1.80	1.70
Syracuse, N. Y.	2.15	2.00	1.85	1.75
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. R. R.				
Greenwich, Pa., Local	1.75	1.60	1.45	1.35
Greenwich, Pa., for Export	1.65	1.50	1.35	1.25
So. Amboy, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	1.95	1.80	1.65	1.55
Barnegat, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Greenville, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Canton, Baltimore, Md., Local	1.75	1.60	1.45	1.35
Canton, Md., for Export	1.58	1.43	1.28	1.18
To ATLANTIC PORTS, via B. & O.				
St. George, N. Y., Coal Piers	2.25	2.10		
St. George, N. Y., for Export	1.95	1.80		
Philadelphia Coal Piers	1.75	1.60		
Philadelphia, for Export	1.65	1.50		
Curtis Bay, Balto., Piers	1.75	1.60		
Curtis Bay, Balto., for Export	1.58	1.43		

*The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown is 75c; Monongahela Railway to state line, 85; below state line to Fairmont, 95c.

The Connellsville Rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale, from points on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

The Fairmont Rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Suterville, Pa., from points on the Smithfield & Masontown Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.

TO WESTERN POINTS. — ORIGINATING DISTRICT.

Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs. Destination	Pittsburg	Fairmont	Connellsville
Canton, O.	$0.95	$1.10	$1.05
Chicago, Ill.	1.90	2.05	1.90
Cleveland, O.	1.00	1.15	1.15
Columbus, O.	1.05	1.15	1.05
Detroit, Mich.	1.40	1.55	1.40
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	1.90	2.05	1.90
Toledo, O.	1.25	1.40	1.25
Youngstown, O.	.70	.85	.80
Lake Ports	.78	.90	.90

The Pittsburg District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southwest Branch to and including Ruffsdale; south to and including Brownsville and Braznell on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad, eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southward to and including Brownsville on the New York Central lines.

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale, on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston except Braznell and all Monongahela River railroad points; New York Central points east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

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TRAINMEN'S PAY AS FIXED BY THE NEW ADAMSON LAW

Advance 20 Per Cent. Which Will Add $60,000,000 to Their Yearly Earnings.

WHAT STATISTICS SHOW

Average Pay of Passenger Engineers 2,131; On Freight Runs, $1,877; Firemen, $1,302 and $1,141; Conductors, $1,697; Of All, $1,311.

By taking the data relating to trainmen's wages, as given in the last annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission for railroads earning $1,000,000 or more annually, a fairly accurate schedule of the advances made effective by the Adamson law decision, can be made.

The railroads in question employed an average of 284,767 men during the period covered by the reports, to whom they paid an average of $1,311 in wages. Engineers on passenger runs received an average of $2,131 and those on freight runs $1,877, the average wage for all engineers having been $1,956. Firemen and helpers on passenger runs received an average of $1,302 and those on freight runs $1,141, the average being brought down by the lower wage of the negro firemen in the south. The average wage of all conductors was $1,697 and of other road train employes $1,371, yard trainmen receiving $1,270, making the average pay of all men employed on moving trains $1,311.

These wages were computed upon the 10-hour day basis. Under the Adamson law decision and the New York agreement between the trainmen and the managers, the men will now receive the 10-hour wages for an 8-hour day, with pro rata for overtime. This is equivalent to an increase of 20 per cent. in wages which will add approximately $60,000,000 a year to the earnings of the trainmen effected.

Reduced to an hour basis, passenger train engineers who were receiving 99½ cents now receive $1,08¾ and freight train engineers now are paid 70 cents as against 60.8; passenger train firemen are receiving 67.8 cents, compared with 56.5 cents, and freight train firemen 46.8 cents, compared with 39; passenger train conductors are paid 85.8 cents under the new scale, compared with 71.5 cents under the old, and freight train conductors 60.24 cents, compared with 50.2, while other trainmen are receiving 42 cents, compared with their former wage of 39. These figures, of course, are average, but represent actual earnings per hour and not merely hourly rates of pay.

Wages vary, however, in different sections of the country. Engineers in the south, for example, are the best paid railroad employes, their average wages for the year under review having been $2,297, while in the eastern district, of which Pittsburg is the center, it was only $1,896, and in the west $2,234. The average wage of passenger train conductors in the three sections mentioned was $1,815, $1,847 and $1,902, respectively. Adverting to the effect of the lower wages received by negro train employes in the south, it appears that the average for freight firemen and helpers in that section was $999, although that for the country as a whole was $1,141; that for passenger brakeman and flagman in the same section was only $923, compared with $1,020 for the entire country, and for other train employes $669, compared with $809 for the whole country.

CAR SHORTAGE IS INCREASING

Loss in Month of February Was About 15,000 Cars; Two Years Ago There Were 279,000 Idle Cars.

Compared with February 1 there was an increase of about 15,000 in the car shortage on March 1. In February the net shortage was reported as being 109,988. On March 1 it was 124,073. A year ago the net shortage was 19,527.

For the whole period of nearly eight years preceding the middle of August 1916, says the report of the American Railway Association, there had been a continuous net surplusage of cars not in use on American railroads except for about one month in 1909, three months in 1912, one month in 1913 and the month of March last year. In 1908 there was at one time a surplusage of more than 413,000 cars, and at no time during the year were there fewer than 100,000 idle cars.

From November, 1913, until March, 1916, there was a continual surplusage of cars, the number running in October, 1914, to more than 20,000, when the figures became so large that the American Railway Association stopped compiling them. Compilation was esumed on February 1, 1915, when idle cars still numbered more than 279,000.

DAM GOES OUT.

Monongahela Shipping Suspended Because of Break at Charleroi.

CHARLEROI, March 28.—Traffic in this part of the Monongahela river was completely tied up as a result of 100 feet of the dam at lock No. 4 going out at 2 o'clock this morning.

The swarm of slack water completely covered two boats which were busy at repairing a break in the dam which had occurred last week, and they were saved from destruction by the sudden rushing waters only because lines connected them to the Charleroi-Monessen bridge piers.

STEEL PIPE ADVANCES.

One Interest Announces Increase of $10 a Ton.

PITTSBURG, March 28.—Steel pipe makers in the Pittsburg district today withdrew all prices and immediately afterward a leading interest announced that all sizes of standard steel pipe had been advanced $10 a ton.

It also stated that it was quoting prices in oil country goods "only on application." Other concerns are expected to follow this lead.

Meadowlands Plant Sold.

The property of the Meadowlands Coal company, Washington county, has been old by the receivers to Frank Taplin, a member of the Cleveland & Western Coal company of Cleveland. The price is reported to have been approximately $600,000.

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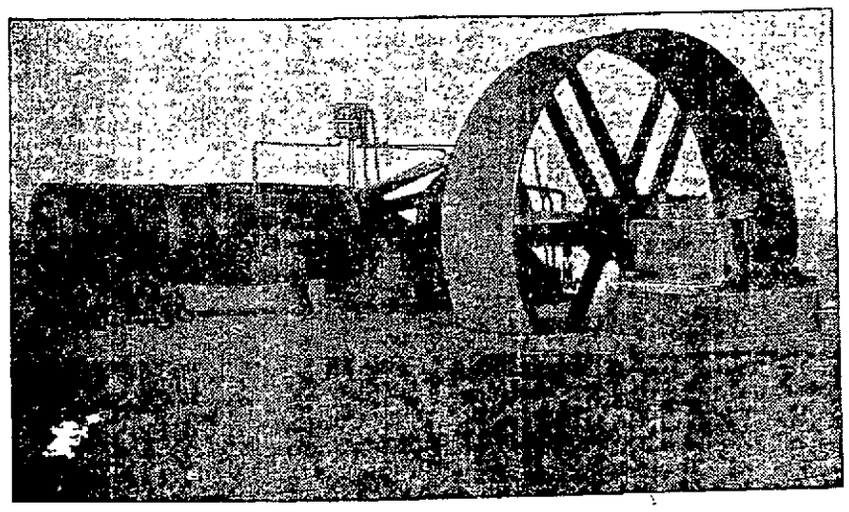

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GAS INCREASE TO BE FOUGHT

Uniontown Trades & Labor Council Plans to Take Action to Prevent Rate Boost.

The Trades and Labor Council of Uniontown is planning to take action against the proposed increase in the price of natural gas to domestic consumers from 30 to 35 cents per thousand feet, announced Saturday by the Fayette County Gas company to become effective April 20.

Petitions protesting against the proposed increase were started in circulation today in Uniontown by a committee, appointed Sunday at a meeting of the council. The petition is in the nature of a complaint, and will be presented to the Public Service Commission with sufficient signers before the date the increase in rates becomes effective.

The complaint charges that both the proposed increase and the minimum charge of $1 per month are unfair, unjust, and unreasonable, and contrary to the public service company law.

Connellsville council has taken no action, as yet.

Must Give Up Lake Boats

The United States Supreme Court has handed down a decision that the Lehigh Valley Railroad company must relinquish its Great Lakes transportation line, operating between Buffalo, Chicago and Milwaukee.

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